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DAHABEAH, THE PLEASURE BOAT OF THE NILE.

Fields of the Sun seems symbolically to take place in some kind of building. The allusions to the festivals of the "Northern and Southern Passage," the passing over the "Hidden Lintel" to "Osiris, who dwells in the Roofed House," the "Going In" and "Coming Out," the passing of gates and doors and stairways, all point to the grand materialization of the same in the majestic masonry of the Pyramid of Light.

The first chapter of the Sacred Ritual refers to the Pir M Hru, or entrance on Light—that is, the light of the invisible world which the deceased was entering on his laying down of the body. Stage after stage of his heavenward pilgrimage is then referred to in Ritual and illustrated by the interior chambers of the Pyramid. As his goal was indissoluble union with the great Creator, it was necessary that he should know the mysteries of both the spiritual and material worlds, hence there were many stages of knowledge to be gained, many steps of progress to be achieved before the mouth of the tomb could become the portal of the immortal day. The "Ka," or soul, must be born anew through spiritual knowledge before there could be initiation into things divine. The Initiate must become the Adept, and the Adept be able to pass the Tribunal of Truth, before he could escape from the Halls of Death and pass into the Presence of Divine Light, and dwell in the Sacred Mansions of the great Osiris.

For each of these grades of knowledge and progress the Creed of Egypt taught that "the great Creator has assigned a distinct locality in the great outer manifestation of Himself" (i. e., the universe), and each of these localities is described symbolically in the Mystic Ritual and inscribed masonically in the features and dimensions of the Hidden Places of the Pyramid.

Yet to the mind of the Egyptian the bed of the Nile was but an image of the invisible land watered by the "Celestial Nile"—the Hold Land of the Dead, with its threefold division into the territory of Initiation, the district of Illumination and the Home of the hidden God. Egypt was divided into forty-two districts, each having a Temple with a specific function and priesthood. These divisions corresponded to the forty-two judges which the deceased was to meet, after he had achieved the "passage of the sun" and "opened the gates of the Nile." For every division of the country and for every structure there was a given name of divine mystery, which reflected the country of the Holy Dead.

Thus, in the Pyramid we see the hint of the double significance of both the heavens and the earth, the spiritual and the material.

The subject is too vast; at best we can but set you thinking, Brothers, but we assure you of the wonderful revelations that await the earnest student of the occult and spiritual symbology of Ancient Egypt.

When we were examining the Sphinx, to our great pleasure we found a most interesting old Sheikh, who from a child had been associated with the great Egyptologists, among whom were Mariette Bey, Flinders Petrie, Piazza, Smythe and others. He could talk very good English, and was so absorbed in his great love for the subject that we were greatly enriched by his conversation. For hours he escorted us from one interesting tomb or temple to another, giving facts and incidents that could not otherwise have been obtained.

The Sphinx, of which we present two pictures, is deeply impressive. She lies there in dumb protest and pathetic helplessness at the encroaching

sands, which every year more surely advance upon her prostrate form.

Some yards away to the right are the remains of the ancient Temple of the Sphinx. The solid, well-cemented, enormous stones of the floor, the walls, also several pillars, still remain. The walls have many interesting and clear-cut hieroglyphics, revealing many symbolic forms and realistic pictures, which fairly represent the general type of architectural illustration. As in the accompanying picture there are, besides the figures of men, gods and animals representing the manners, customs and history of the times, many significant symbols of their religion, their scientific principles and their conception of the Deific nature. Masonic emblems and postures are numerous, giving a reliable basis for the real origin of Masonry, and proving the oneness and universality of truth.

The Symbology of Egypt is most mysterious and difficult of interpretation, owing to the complex variety of symbols and the many combinations made with each one. Thus, Horus, the god of Light, is sometimes represented under the form of a crocodile, with a hawk's head and the solar disc. The crocodile's eyes were said to represent light, and his tail darkness. In Isaiah ix, 15, we read: *The ancient and honorable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.*

The crocodile was also a symbol of fecundity, and in the unregenerate or natural world represented evil or darkness, but in the regenerate or spiritual realm, Perfection.

The hawk was a symbol of the Divine Life, or Eternal Spirit, and crowned with the solar disc signified radiating spiritual light.

The cynocephalus ape, so often found in the hieroglyphic writing, was in Egypt, as in India, the symbol of regeneration, or the passage from the

state of an animal to that of man, and from death to eternal life; when in a sitting posture it represents the state of balance between light and darkness, between good and evil, truth and error, or brute and man. In the funeral rites the ape is seated on the scale for judging souls.

The ape on the sculptured walls was one of the most frequent figures we saw, and with this interpretation becomes most significant.

The fable of the ape and its two little ones, one of which it carries in front and loves and kills, the other which it carries behind and hates and cherishes, becomes a most vivid allegory which we can all apply when we see that the ape represents the unregenerate soul, carrying in its breast good sentiments, pure and holy aspirations, which it loves, but kills, and carries forever on its back the perverse tendencies, evil habits which it hates, but will not repel. As Paul voiced it: *The good I would do, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do.*—Rom. viii, 19.

The little serpentine line which signifies water is very frequent on the granite walls, and water is one of the most important symbols. In the ancient teaching of Egypt water was considered the *mother*, or *matrix*, of the world. Man was looked upon as an image of the world (the microcosm); the initiate was to be born again to a new life, and the baptism was, therefore, a symbol of the primal waters. For this reason the initiate—*Msche*, *Moses*, a word signifying in Egyptian *saved from the water* or *by water*—was by the Hebrew designated *Mschee*, *unction*, and *Msche*, *to save*. We see, therefore, how profoundly significant every name and word becomes when seen in the light of its original meaning.

The braided basket or fan is also among the symbols used very frequently.

The fundamental idea is of *Master* or *lord*, and the fan became the symbol of the idea *Master* or *lord* because it also meant the purification of souls.

"The initiations," says one prominent authority, "being the commencement of a better life, and to become the perfection of it, could not take place till the soul was purified; the fan was accepted as the symbol of that purification, because the mysteries purged the soul of sin, as the fan cleanses the grain."

See our own Scriptures, Luke iii, 17, and you will better understand the words of John concerning the Messiah.

The Tau, or Egyptian cross, which is found so often in their walls and manuscripts, is an emblem of the dual principle of Creation, and is the key that unlocks many mysteries. The triangle is the symbol representing to the Egyptian mind Eternal Light, apart from earthly support. The great Angle, which resembles a compass, represents the Source of Life. The Scarabæus typifies hope and immortality, the Hawk is symbolic of the One Eternal Self-Existent Being, the lily is a symbol of God manifest in the flesh, the Serpent of Infinity, Wisdom.

But upon these wonderful and deeply interesting themes we cannot linger; and as we were obliged to leave the Pyramids, the Tombs and all the treasures of this wonderful old Egypt, we are now obliged to leave you, dear Brothers, but with the hope that your interest in the search for living truth will be heightened and deepened and quickened, as ours has been, even by these fleeting glimpses of the marvels of Egypt, the land of the Nile and the Pyramids, of the Serpent and the Lotus.

Yours in Holy Love,

BROTHER No. 7.



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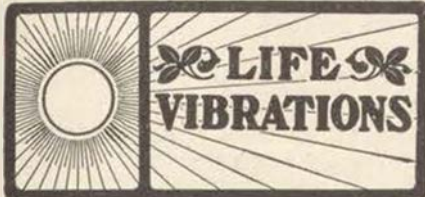
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**M**ARCH!—The month to inspire us with  
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SPRING IS HERE!

Strive, man, to win that glory;  
Toil, man, to gain that light;

Send Hope before to grasp it,  
Till Hope be lost in sight.

Show me thy way, O Lord; teach me thy paths.  
—Psalm, XXV, 4.

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still;  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His Will.

And now, beloved, this is the season for a new  
creation.  
The love of God is the beginning of New Life.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home.

ROUSE THYSELF! Rouse thyself! Soon the golden-  
hearted daisies will flower everywhere.

The winds of March are humming  
Their parting song, their parting song,  
And summer skies are coming,  
And days grow long, and days grow long.

And soon there will be buds and flowers and green  
grass everywhere.

And the robins will sing, and new hopes will arise,  
and the soul will be comforted.

Praise God! We live to welcome another New  
Spring.

The Spirit in Nature is now awakening!  
God is working a miracle!

Behold the grand transformation scene!  
How can any man doubt the great Power of God

—when he beholds His Magic Hand at work in Na-  
ture, in the Spring?

SPRING IS HERE! Spring is here!  
Glory to be God!

"Oh, what a pleasant world 'twould be—  
How smoothly we'd slip through it,  
If all the folks who 'meant no harm'  
Could manage not to do it!"

The thoughts you send out you will receive in  
return. You cannot afford to censure, criticise or  
condemn any brother or sister in this world. "Bless  
them that curse you, do good to them that hate  
you, and pray for them that despitefully use you and  
persecute you." More than that, beloved, do not  
disturb your mind about the "sins" and "errors"  
of others; only project on them loving thoughts.  
By God's great Love and Law of Evolution and  
Reincarnation each soul reaches infinite perfection  
in a while.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

Great and lasting power comes to him who ren-  
ders service and work in this world because it is  
needed. We are weak and lame, and fail, because  
we are not merry, joyous, happy workers. Misery  
and failure come by being indifferent to the work  
of Life here and now.

Spiritual culture and growth deepen man's love-  
nature, make him sane, sensible, whole, dignified,  
noble, majestic, and give him that "glorified free-  
dom" that is born of the Power of the Spirit.

## This Blessed Age

TOLERANCE is in the air everywhere.  
From the Pulpit, the Rostrum and the Press mes-  
sages of sweet charity and universal love are flow-  
ing as never before.

### BLESSED AGE!

This Magazine is as good an exponent of the re-  
ligious thought of the world to-day as there is.

We are always pleased to note the blessed  
thoughts of love and charity in the hearts, souls and  
minds of our spiritual leaders, no matter what re-  
ligion or sect they may belong.

In this connection, we are pleased to quote the  
following golden words of love extracted from a re-  
cent sermon by the Rev. Thomas B. Gregory, whose  
inspiring sermons and sayings are read all over the  
world. Brother Gregory says: "Jesus cared nothing  
for the petty distinctions that He found at His  
coming thick as daisies in the summer fields. Brush-  
ing these things aside, He issued the eternal pronun-  
ciamento, 'Blessed are the pure in heart,' and left  
it for the ripened wisdom of the ages to prove how  
well He had done.

"The wisdom is already a-ripening, and we are  
beginning to realize how foolish we have been.

"The time is coming when the world will be glad  
to recognize the fact that, no matter where it is  
found, goodness is good.

"The day is not far distant when it will no more  
be asked of a man, 'Is he a Catholic or a Protestant?  
Is he a Christian or a Buddhist? Is he a Moham-  
medan or a Jew?' but only this: 'Is he a man—a  
manly, virtuous man, kind-hearted, true-hearted,  
lion-hearted—a power for righteousness in the  
world?'"

"When that day comes—and it is much nearer  
than some of us think—the true Christian religion  
will have intrenched itself in human hearts; for the  
Master Himself said one day:

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord  
...; but he that doeth the will of my father  
which is in heaven."

## The Ideal Faith

By Rodney F. Johonnot, Unity Church, Oak Park,  
Illinois

I HAIL the advent of "The Idealist" with ex-  
tended hand. It is by the power of ideals that we  
"live, move and have our being." I hail it also as  
an advocate of the liberal faith. The world needs  
our gospel, and we cannot do too much to spread it.  
It needs to be made clear; for it is much misunder-  
stood. It is not a religion of negatives, but a high  
and potent faith. It is truly a gospel, a good news.  
Jesus called His message a "good tidings," and so it  
was. It broke upon His age like a sunrise of a new  
morning. He told a people plunged in doubt and  
bound by strict rules of a faith which sets them  
free. He told them they were children of God and  
that as such they were to lead a high and free life;  
that this life was one of joyous service of man and  
trust in God. We not only need such a good  
tidings to-day, but we need to have it proclaimed  
so that men will feel it to be true.

Men have heard of God's Fatherhood so much  
that it means little to them; they have too often  
thought it to mean that it is to be blessed with all  
kinds of material prosperity. Failing in this, they  
have felt the doctrine of God's Fatherhood to be  
false. They should be taught that the doctrine  
is true in a spiritual sense; that pain and defeat may  
be evidences of a divine love; that we must rise on  
"stepping-stones of our dead selves" to higher  
things;

"That no good thing is failure,  
No evil thing success;"

that love leads to love and will bring to us all  
things good; that God's Providence cannot fail,  
and His purpose to bless us and to bring us to all  
things beautiful must succeed. Such a faith is,  
indeed, liberal, is "mighty to save," is "full of  
grace and truth," brings peace and power, and is  
"the faith that makes faithful." May the "Ideal-  
ist" preach it till many shall hear thereof, and find  
it to be true, and be glad.

## Deathless

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

THERE lies in the centre of each man's heart  
A longing and love for the good and pure;  
And if but an atom, or larger part,  
I tell you this shall endure—endure  
After the body has gone to decay—  
Yea, after the world has passed away.

The longer I live and the more I see  
Of the struggle of souls toward the heights above,  
The stronger this truth comes home to me:  
That the Universe rests on the shoulders of love.  
A love so limitless, deep and broad,  
That men have renamed it, and called it—God.

And nothing that ever was born or evolved,  
Nothing created by light or force,  
But deep in its system there lies dissolved  
A shining drop from the Great Love Source;  
A shining drop that shall live for aye—  
Tho' kingdoms may perish and stars decay.

## INSPIRING POEMS WORTH KNOWING

Whatever your occupation may be, and  
however crowded your hours with affairs,  
do not fail to secure at least a few minutes  
every day for refreshment of your inner  
life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles  
Eliot Norton.

## The Child's Face

By Ernest W. Scharleff

THERE'S nothing more pure in heaven,  
And nothing on earth more mild,  
More full of the light that is all divine,  
Than the smile of a little child!

So sweet it is, so simple,  
And yet so angel wise,  
With the peace of God on the dear, smooth brow,  
And the love of Christ in the eyes.

The sinless lips, half parted,  
With breath as sweet as the air,  
And the light that seems so glad to shine  
In the gold of the sunny hair.

I feel that the gates of heaven  
Are nearer than I knew,  
That the light and hope of that sweeter world,  
Like the dawn, are breaking through.

## Who Should Condemn?

"NEITHER do I condemn thee!"  
Are the words that Jesus spoke,  
"Go thy way and sin no more  
Sin no more for thine own sake!"

Sinning hurts the sinner more  
Than it does the sinner against,  
Even though the sinner stands  
High among the earthly saints!

One who has a conscience clear  
Can command his self-respect,  
Though he be the victim of  
Persecution and neglect.

Why do not the followers  
Of Him who was compassionate  
Always show sincerity  
Instead of exercising hate?

Love will cover multitudes  
Of mistakes or misdeeds,  
And love the only weapon is  
Which the castigator needs!

## Drifting and Steering

As a ship upon the ocean,  
Drifting helpless o'er the deep,  
No man's hand upon the tiller,  
Crew and master drunk with sleep,  
So we drift upon life's ocean,  
Seeking pleasure, shunning pain;  
Drifting aimlessly and idly,  
Caring naught for future gain.  
But at last there comes a pilot,  
True Ambition he is called;  
And his mate is Perseverance,  
Shadow Gayety has palled;  
Faith is captain, of the present  
We are thinking less and less,  
And we seek a port that's certain.  
And that port is called "Success!"

## Great Love

It takes great love to stir a human heart,  
To live beyond the others and apart.  
A love that is not shallow, is not small,  
Is not for one or two, but for them all;  
Love that can wound love, for its higher need;  
Love that can leave love, though the heart may  
bleed;  
Love that can lose love, family and friend;  
Yet steadily live, loving to the end.  
A love that asks no answer, that can live  
Moved by one burning, deathless force to give  
Love, Strength and Courage—Courage, Strength  
and Love,  
The heroes of all time—are built thereof.

Let us gather up the sunbeams  
Lying all around our path;  
Let us keep the wheat and roses  
Casting out the thorns and chaff;  
Let us find the sweetest comfort  
In the blessings of to-day,  
With a patient hand removing  
All the briars from the way.

Then scatter seeds of kindness,  
Then scatter seeds of kindness,  
Then scatter seeds of kindness,  
For our reaping by-and-by.



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"Yes, I am nearer Thee, for flesh and sense  
Have been exchanged for an eternal youth;  
My Spirit hath been born anew, and hence  
I worship Thee 'in spirit and in Truth.'

"Fraternally and gratefully,  
JOHN P. COOKE."

### The Better and the Brighter Day

WE have entered the better and brighter age. This is the beginning of the Soul Age. Men are praying for Light as never before; and their prayers are being answered as never before. Nothing can survive but eternal right; all else perishes. Come, brother, let us pray for light and might that we may live right. That is the only way. Come, let us see the bright pure light of a better day and forever come out of darkness.

From out our darkness, wrong and agony,  
O Being Infinite,  
With humble hearts, we lift our hands to Thee  
And pray to Thee for light;  
We feel through all our infidelity,  
There is eternal right.

We feel above our selfishness and crime  
The mists that cloud our eyes,  
That, like an everlasting sun sublime,  
Thou shinest in the skies;  
And, glimpsing that veiled glory, we would climb  
To some sweet Paradise.

Despite our greed and sensuality,  
Our selfishness and strife;  
Despite our narrowness and bigotry,  
Our inmost souls are rife  
With glimpses of the truth divine that we  
Shall gain eternal life.

We are material, and swelled with pride;  
Our wayward feet are set  
In paths of blood; Thy truths we have denied;  
Thy precepts we forget;  
But, although for the moment turned aside,  
Lord spare Thy people yet.

We stretch imploring hands to Thee for light.  
Oh, hear us while we pray.  
Conduct us back unto the paths of right,  
The ever upward way;  
And lead us from our gropings through the night  
Unto the Better Day.

### Lend a Hand

LEND a hand to the falling.  
Lend a hand to those misjudged.  
Lend a hand to those under a cloud.  
Lend a hand to the soul crushed with loss.  
Lend a hand to the cramped and narrow lives.  
Lend a hand to the doubting souls in the shadow.  
Lend a hand to the fearful and timid in life's battle.

Lend a hand to the poor, fighting the wolf from the door.

Lend a hand—an open hand, a warm hand, a strong hand, an uplifting hand, a hand filled with mercy and help.

Lend a hand to the struggling student with scant means.

Lend a hand to the moral warrior fighting his battles alone.

Lend a hand to the boy struggling to culture his mind.

Lend a hand to the workers who seldom have recreation and rest.—*Temple of Health.*

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thoroughly.—A MYSTIC.

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honest moments, have always sung, "Not  
unto us, not unto us."—Emerson.



The whole world around us, and the  
whole world within us, are ruled by  
law.—THE DUKE OF ARGYLL.



Practice yourself, for Heaven's sake, in  
little things; and thence proceed to greater.  
—Epictetus.

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So, beloved, you need the help of this blessed Club, and we need your help; there is only power in union, co-operation, brotherhood; we are massed together for one grand purpose—to help each and all and make our lives full, rich and successful, as the great God intends us to be.

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We Mystics show you a simple, easy, quick and permanent way to use your God-given forces to great advantage; to use the Occult Unseen Forces.

"Disorder is never sent upon us from outside. The conditions for its manifestation are always self-made."

God sends us only countless blessings, but we, in darkness, cannot see or use them; the Mystics help you to help yourself to get into the eternal radiant White Light of Power.

Unless we know how to invite blessings and open our whole being to them they never can touch us. Can the brilliant sunlight touch him who persists in hiding in a deep, dark cave? Can we see the beauties of life and enjoy its rich blessings if we refuse to listen to those who have fully realized all blessedness?

"God and nature and all things are friendly—yes, still more, loving—but we cannot realize that great truth until we vibrate with them."

To be successful we must vibrate with men and women of tremendous success. The founders of this Club are tremendously successful, and we thank the great God for our success, which has come in answer to very simple but fervent prayers and right acting.

This is not an experiment; there is no guesswork or chance work about it; it is a DIVINE WAY to Success and not a mortal way; it is the Psychic-Occult way.

This is the great Twentieth Century Spiritual Movement that is to do so much for humanity.

By our mystic, psychic and occult way, in only four months we place the loyal member on the Path of Eternal Success.

This is our plan as formulated and carried out by great Mystic Adepts, Seers, Sages and Prophets:

FIRST—Lead you to HEALTH. (First month.)

SECOND—Lead you to RECEPTIVITY. (Second month.)

THIRD—Lead you to PERSONAL MAGNETISM. (Third month.)

FOURTH—Lead you to REALIZATION. (Fourth month.)

Remember, THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB operates in a practical and positive way with a true co-operative principle, unlimited in scope; we work with you, and you with us, in perfect harmony, under the broad and eternal co-operative law.



This is the beginning of the great Golden Age of Co-operation; competition and strenuous strife will from now on gradually give way to co-operation, and then the world will be truly successful.

We are leading thousands of blessed souls from darkness to light, from poverty and drudgery to opulence and freedom, from disease, nervousness, fret and worry to perfect and permanent health, a serene and calm life—a peaceful, powerful and blessed, blissful life every minute here and now.

WE ASK YOU TO READ ALL THE TESTIMONIES ON THESE PAGES, AND REMEMBER, WE HAVE NOT SPACE TO PRINT ALL WE RECEIVE.

No more dark days for our members! What a blessing!

*The loyal members of this Club have no dark days. How full and complete and joyful is a life lived in the pure, clear WHITE LIGHT!*

Now, aspiring souls, it will be well for you to know this one truth: The owner, publishers, editors, writers and great Mystic Adepts connected with THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES are men and women who have RECOGNIZED and REALIZED—who are pre-eminently successful—who can help You.

This Magazine came to the world unannounced and unheralded, and is the phenomenal success in magazine publishing—all glory be to the Light of the Spirit—to God.

For a long time we have been formulating and perfecting plans to make THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB the most perfect, forceful and helpful organization in the world.

AND LIKE ALL THINGS WE DO IN SPIRIT, IT, TOO, IS SUCCESSFUL, AND IS A FITTING AND BEAUTIFUL DEMONSTRATION OF THE INNER POWER OF MAN.

You can have perfect health, and hold your body indefinitely in the joy and beauty of real Life and be a great blessing to the All.

*Never doubt it!*

The ancient occult and mystic writings (sacred secrets) we send you will help you open your eyes to all light, will help you open your heart to all men, and open your mind to that knowing which all is known, and all power to attract, possess and hold the real riches of life will be yours.

We know the psychic and occult law of union, co-operation and reciprocity. We desire you to become one of us at once. Read these great words of Emerson:

*"Men will live and communicate, and plough, and reap, and govern, as by added ethereal power, when once they are united; as in a celebrated experiment, by expiration and respiration exactly together, four persons lift a heavy man from the ground by the little finger only, and without a sense of weight."*

Come, beloved, join us this day, and with "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together," we can, in this psychic age of action and results, achieve phenomenal success.

What is that mystic something that makes for success?

THERE ARE BUT FOUR STEPS TO SUCCESS, VIZ.:

*First Step*—PERFECT HEALTH.

*Second Step*—RECEPTIVITY.

*Third Step*—ATTRACTIVENESS—PERSONAL MAGNETISM.

*Fourth Step*—FULL RECOGNITION AND REALIZATION OF YOUR PSYCHIC-MENTAL POWERS.

In a little while our Mystic Adepts take you through these *Four Steps* or *Four Degrees*, by correspondence, and you come into HEALTH, RECEPTIVITY, ATTRACTIVENESS and REALIZATION.

You are also held in a psychic and occult way by master adepts for health and success. But you must read and re-read the occult and mystic writings we send with each degree to fully realize success.

Much time and money have been expended in organizing and formulating our plans and preparing the Four Degrees so that they might be simple and comprehensive to anyone. A child can comprehend them.

Thousands of letters are pouring in, speaking in glowing words about the wonderful blessings that have come to members since they enrolled their names as life members of this Club. Read some of these letters printed on these pages devoted to the Club.

Distinctly understand, THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is in no way a money-making organization. We have set aside a large sum of money to make it a grand success, and in turn for what we do for you in helping to make you successful and happy we expect you to help us to partly pay the expenses of supporting the Club (printing, postage, clerks, etc.).

To that end each member becomes a yearly subscriber to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES at one dollar, and gets three (3) friends to subscribe for the Magazine at one dollar a year, sending us the three subscribers, with three dollars. Upon receipt of the three subscribers, with three dollars, you are entered on our membership books as a full life member, with no further dues or payments of any kind whatsoever. We then mail you the First Degree (Health Degree), which, if you will work out, giving to it a little time each day, will put you on the road to perfect and permanent health. At the end of thirty days we mail you the Second Degree (for Receptivity); in thirty days more the Third Degree (Attractiveness; or, Personal Magnetism), and in thirty days more the Fourth or final Degree, which prepares you for full Realization. It takes four months to work through the Four Degrees, and you are then in a far more healthy, receptive and attractive condition than you ever thought of being here on the earth plane of existence. Some will develop the most perfect clairvoyant and clairaudient powers, which are always helpful to success; all will be more successful than they ever thought possible. Now, at the end of four months is the real beginning of real and permanent success. Then we send you great Mystic Messages.

At the end of four months all of your Psychic-Mental powers will have been developed to a most wonderful degree, and new doors will open to you for success, and Life will be beautiful.

Read this department each month, which will print about success, the growth of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, special success and achievements of individual members, etc.

In conclusion, remember, you become a life member of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, and will receive our daily vibrations that we send out in the Silence, upon becoming a subscriber for one year, at one dollar, to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and securing three more subscriptions from three friends at one dollar each. If you are already a subscriber, then send three subscribers, with three dollars; if not, then send three subscribers and your own subscription, with four dollars. We will immediately enter your name as a Life Member on our books and send you one degree each month. There are no further dues, assessments or payments to be made.

Come, beloved—we speak to you in love, sincerity and earnestness—join hands with us for life, and help us spread the glad song of hope, health, courage, optimism and success to the whole world.

This is the golden opportunity of your life. If you doubt it, go into the Silence and ask the God within the soul about it. Read this over thoughtfully and ask yourself about it.

A great Mystic Adept, who has realized all that is successful, will have encouraging and hopeful words printed here in this department each month.

Each member of this Club becomes a determined and purposeful conqueror of discordant and adverse conditions of Life, here and now.

In a while each member assists others to rise and realize the fulness and wholeness of Life.

It is a grand union of eternal souls for self-expansion and all-expansion—for Growth, Progress, Enthusiasm and Optimism.

We bring out in you, beloved, all the resources of your soul, heart and mind.

We fit you for the highest and noblest service—the highest and noblest success.

No power can ever take away from you what we give.

We help you to make your Life, now and here, larger, broader and grander in every way.

With holy love, peace and good-will to all beings in the universe, we are, always for grand success.

#### THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB,

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N. B.—We desire members from all parts of this great and blessed planet.

#### About People over 100 Years of Age

ONE of the special works of the Mystics is to teach men and women how to live in perfect health, vigor and strength long, useful, prosperous and happy lives here on earth.

More people in this Age of Light and Love hold the body for greater periods of years than ever before.

Here is an account of a few cases of longevity taken from the daily newspapers in one day. Remember this is only one day's account from the daily reports in the papers of only two cities—New York and Boston.

Mrs. Sarah Rumley, New Albany, Ind., the mother of the late Walter Q. Gresham, Secretary of State under President Cleveland, is active and vigorous in her 102d year.

Mary Gano Bryan Cobb, New London, Ind., passed on to the Angel World at the age of 101 years. She was a step-grandmother of W. J. Bryan.

John Dunton, Lyndonville, Vt., is well and vigorous in his 101st year.

Mr. Dunton was born in Townsend Vt., Sept. 2, 1803, the youngest of ten children, and has lived in Lyndonville about 70 years. He has had but little sickness and has done some work until slightly injuring his back by a fall last year. He conquered an attack of pneumonia when he was 93 years old.

He has rarely missed attending an election or town meeting; his first Presidential vote was for John Quincy Adams and his last for William McKinley.

George Reynolds, Bath, N. Y., is active and vigorous in his 102d year.

Mrs. Phoebe Moulton, La Crosse, Wis., is 103 years old; she has always been very active and much devoted to her home and family.

Mary Shepard, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is in her 104th year. She is very active, good-natured and never worries, and has a very keen sense of humor.

Blessed is he or she who lives in the body to a ripe, cheerful old age.

The Ego (you) is eternal: you ought to live here and now in a fine, well-preserved body for a tremendous age.

Cheerfulness, willingness and purity of mind and body, in the Love of God, is the great secret for a long, useful and blessed life in any one incarnation.

The Mystics teach the Ancient simple mystic Way of Life in the work of the Four Degrees of The Mystic Success Club.

#### THE MYSTICS.

Try to see unity of Life in the multiplicity of forms. Life, Love, Light, Knowledge, Wisdom are universal and eternal and one, and to a more or less extent fill every form, animate or inanimate. In inanimate things this one all-pervading force has various names—cohesion, attraction, affinity, etc. "That which exists is One, sages call it variously."

We have nothing to be afraid of.

He who prays to a far-off God prays to a deaf God.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

When we live in perfect love we live in a perfect day.



## About the Mystic Success Club

Sister Belle Leazor, Concord, N. C., is making splendid progress. In a long letter filled with love, praise and blessings, she says, in part: "The four degrees are beautiful and far-reaching; I have been much helped by my membership in this Club. I now feel more cheerful and more in harmony with my fellow-men, and get along better with all those with whom I come in daily contact. My health has improved. I want more light, understanding and wisdom. God bless The Mystic Success Club." Light, understanding and wisdom comes to the extent we can love the All. It would not be wise for God to give light, understanding and wisdom to him who is selfish. So, as we proceed along the eternal Path we each and all of us get exactly what we need and what we deserve but we do not get all of our foolish and selfish wants gratified. The great Mystic Adept prays for nothing but love, that he may help others, lives only in love, and often prays not for himself but only for others.

Sister A. W. Gregg, Forest Home, Dawkins, Ind., writes the Club in holy and universal love. She says, in part: "I have enjoyed working through the four degrees very much, far more than I can express in a letter. I have been greatly blessed in many ways, and know I am helped daily by unseen, though not unfelt, forces. I know that God and the Holy Angels and the members of our blessed Club are aiding me in my every effort. I am earnestly praying for the success of each member of our Club and the Holy Adepts who have so unreservedly aided us. I am inexpressibly happy in my work and find that clairvoyant and clairaudient powers are developing. I ask for the prayers of all members that I may be filled with the Light of Love and Knowledge. I am earnestly seeking prayer—God bless our Club! Here, beloved members, is a blessed privilege to pray for an earnest, hungry and thirsty soul. Blessed is he who, with deep and universal love, prays for his brother or sister.

### "PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER."

Sister Annie Kibby, 125 Cortlandt street, Belleville, N. J., writes in universal love: "I cannot thank God enough for his kindness and goodness. I feel that I am entirely cut loose from the world, and on a higher plane. Things are working so easily for me now. I am more than happy. God bless you all." Oh, how peaceful, joyful and blissful we become when we begin to live with the Spirit! In peace, joy and bliss there is strength, hope, courage and love, and power to do and achieve. Success always comes to the really spiritual man. All that is called "spiritual" is not spiritual. Know the simple Holy Mystic Way.

When the Kingdom of Heaven is found, man has reached eternal success. Nothing can fail with that man. "All these things are added to that man." The Elder Brothers of this Club show its members the simple Way of finding the Kingdom and all Peace, Joy, Health and Success.

Brother Aaron W. Emerson, 10 D street, South Framingham, Mass., writes: "I have finished the four degrees, and I must say I have derived very much benefit from them. I am having much better success with everything I undertake than I ever did before, and I was never happier in my life. I pray for your success." God bless you, brother; you are just beginning to realize peace, joy and success. Be loyal to our teachings and you will become free.

Sister T. Messinger, 236 Tenth street, Astoria, Ore., writes: "I have received much benefit from this blessed Club. My health is now good, and I feel better in every way. I cannot describe the happiness the four degrees have brought me. It would take up too much space and time to tell you of all the many blessings I am receiving. I feel very thankful and grateful to God and the blessed Mystics and The Mystic Success Club. God bless you all!" And God bless you, sister! With this is that peace and joy that cometh in walking with the Holy Mystics in the Path of Eternal and Universal Love; no one can make of life a real success until they are fully awakened.

Sister Mary E. Regan, 382 Fillmore avenue, East Aurora, N. Y., writes in holy love: "It is with a sincere and grateful heart that I thank you for the many blessings I have received since I became a member. I now fully realize that the Heavenly Father is with me, guiding and directing me with His love and power. Each day is a new beginning full of great peace and joy. I now give my best work to whatever I find to do. My heart-desire is that I may be worthy of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit." Our beloved sister knoweth the true secret of peace, joy and success; to always do that work, service or duty nearest to us with joy and cheerfulness and as perfectly as we possibly can. Blessed are the willing, cheerful and perfect workers in the small and simple things of life, for to them shall come the Great Angel of Promotion, who will lead them to great works and great blessings.

Sister Mrs. Fred Tyler, 1330 Ionia street, Jacksonville, Fla., writes: "The study and work of these four degrees have been a great delight and benefit to me. I now feel daily a growing love for all. The vibrations I feel very strongly, especially when I receive The MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. I will always try to further the interests of the Mystic Success Club and The MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. I wish you success in your noble work, and send love to all." Oh, what a blessed thing it is to love all! When we really love all, then we will find that all will want to serve us. Even the selfish strive to serve the

eternal and universal lover. The Angel World is ever helping the real God-lover—he who loves God and all his children regardless of religion, sect, church or nationality. Some day the whole world will know that the secret of real success is Universal Love—Divine Love. This broad, deep, fervent and constant love of God and the All is man's greatest strength and power.

One of the blessed features and great powers of this Club is that the members openly and freely testify to God and the public of the great blessings they receive. Another blessed thing is, we all of us pray one for another. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."—JAMES, v, 16.

Sister Whiteman, Cajon, Cal., writes: "I want to give the world a blessed message of peace and good will. I want to say that in the four months I have been a member of this blessed Club I have lived more than all my life before—simply because I have loved more. I have learned the rough teachings of our blessed Club that Love is the crowning glory of life, and especially through the teachings of the Fourth Degree have I realized this to be true. I have put it to the test and found it not wanting. What a joy to live in the Spirit, when compared with the humdrum of everydayism of men as was my lot before entering this Club! I bless the day I first saw our dear MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, for since that day it has been the beacon light that has kept my frail craft from the shoals of disaster, and as I near the blessed shore it shines brighter and brighter, and why should it not? It burns nothing but the Oil of Universal Love." He who lives fully in the Spirit (Love) becomes free from the toil, moil and turmoil of this world, and is a blessing and a benediction to all.

Sister Marion J. Mitchell, Box 1644, Janesville, Wis., writes: "I have been much helped and would not give up the work for anything. I have gained in strength, and am not so nervous and inclined to worry as I was. Yours is a grand and glorious work, and I bid you God speed! That God will bless you all in this great work is my earnest prayer." God blesses us as we love Him; as we completely surrender our mortal minds and mortal wills to the Omnipotent One. Man always suffers to the extent that he does not first and last and all the time rely on the God within his own soul.

Brother George W. Clay, Brooksville, Miss., in a long letter filled with love and praise for his many blessings, especially his financial success, says, in part: "I am grateful, elated and consoled that I am a life member of this blessed Club. I have been greatly benefited spiritually, mentally, morally, physically and financially. My insomnia is cured, as before entering the Club I was a stranger to sound and refreshing sleep. I was also always mentally depressed, and consequently irritable. But now all is wonderfully changed. Life now has a meaning and a charm which it failed to have before. May the blessed Spirit speed the day when the influence of The Mystic Success Club may be known and appreciated all over the world. I am a blacksmith, and have to face much competition, and before joining the Club it did seem that the shop (my business) would sink. But soon everything changed. I have entered nearly fifty more good customers to my books, and work continues to flow in from all quarters and without solicitation. Blessed be every member of this Club is the prayer of my heart. I can plainly see you are leading me to the highest success. I humbly ask every sister and brother of the Club to pray for me and I will do the same for them." Yes, brother, we will pray for you. But always remember all needed work well performed is one of the highest prayers. Put God into all you do, and your success is assured.

Sister Minnie Fuerst, California, Mo., writes: "I am so glad I joined The Mystic Success Club, as it helps me so much. I also enjoy reading The MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES so much. I now feel happier and more contented." We can never be contented or happy until we begin to live in the Holy Spirit; the simple Mystic Way leads one to peace, joy, happiness and success.

Sister A. Towl, 117 West Webster avenue, Muskegon, Mich., writes: "Since I joined the Club I have surely improved in various ways; have been more successful and had more confidence to do my allotted tasks. I desire more understanding and wisdom of the way to live in accord with the great and eternal Law of God, that I may not err or mislead any, but be a help and strength to the great Whole. Thus all may aid to bring the Millennium when love shall reign supreme, and greed and fear and doubt have no place in the hearts and minds of men." God bless you, sister. Love will eventually solve all the problems and mysteries of life. Let each one of the thousands of members of this Club continue to breathe only Love, and we will do a great and mighty part of God's work in helping to establish the Kingdom on Earth.

Brother Arthur Zecher, 961 Howard street, San Francisco, Cal., writes that he is having great success. He says, in part: "It is hard to express in writing my feelings of thanks and gratitude, and to say what good, the following of your instructions has done to me. I feel now perfectly at ease, and everything is going my way. It seems that an invisible power removes every obstacle and renders everything to my best." Praise God for all this, dear brother. When in success never forget to thank the great God. Not that He requires our thanks, or needs them, but that it may do our own souls good in making us grateful. Blessed, indeed, is a grateful and thankful soul.

Sister Ida A. Regua, Cote aux Fees, Canton de Neuchâtel, Switzerland, has been relieved of great distress and sorrow through the blessings of God and the ministering An-

gels. She writes us a long letter filled with joy and praise for our aid in helping her to help herself. She says, in part: "It is with deep gratitude that I write you, because the deep sorrow and darkness which enveloped me like a black cloud have given way, and I feel like a creature new born into Light, Peace and Joy. There has certainly been a marvelous change in mind and body since I joined our Club. I aspire to go forth and do something for humanity, although I know I can always find right at hand sufficient opportunity in giving out love, encouragement and help. I cannot thank you enough for the great peace and light the degrees and The MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES have brought to a discouraged soul, plunged in deepest grief, ill, lonely and hopeless. I send forth love and prayers for the Light to reach all members of our Club, and all who are earnestly seeking truth and knowledge." God bless our sister in Switzerland, and may she spread our work there. This Club is growing at a tremendous rate, and the blessings of the great God, through it, are being felt in all parts of the world. The test of truth is whether it is simple and far-reaching, limitless, universal. Children of God of all nations, all religions, all sects, all churches, are coming into fellowship with us. In universal union and cooperation for the Light of Truth, there is great strength and power. God and the Angels help and bless all universal movements that aim to awake men to the New and Blessed Dawn of universal love and peace.

Sister A. Brown, Stanhope, Ia., R. F. D. No. 3, writes in holy love, peace and good will to all as follows: "Your work is Divine and inspiring. Many thanks to God, the giver of all good, and to the Mystic Success Club, for the love, grace, hope and help received." Out of God comes everything. He is everything. He is the All in All. God alone can give us freedom. So we reach the Most High, when we worship God in everything we see; but it does no good to worship the thing; inject God into all life, for He is all life; into all Being, for He is all Being. Holy men call themselves "Mystics" and sink all name and fame because they do not wish to be adored, worshipped or followed; they only wish their brothers to see the God within their words, and within their own souls. Real life, progress, peace and orderly force begins when man begins to recognize and realize the eternal Omnipotent One within his own soul, within all souls, within all Nature and within all matter.

Sister Emily Rickmann, Berville, Ind., writes: "Since I joined this blessed Club I can work faithfully and trustfully and without any doubt or fear. Everything has been fortunate for me since I joined the blessed Club. I follow all your simple instructions, and I feel safe and all right now. You have done me so much good, and I am so thankful. God bless you all! I am so glad and joyous in being a member of such a great and wonderful brotherhood. Your vibrations reach me, and give me much peace, strength and joy in all my undertakings. Since I joined the Club I have received the full and rich blessings of God; I receive help and blessings daily. I am happier and stronger in faith, hope and courage now than I ever was in all my life, and get along so much easier, without trouble and friction. I thank God for the blessed privilege of being a member. Let us praise God for all our blessings. I have been blessed more than I can tell, and now find the world so beautiful. I send love and good will to all." Our sister is now vibrating with the Most High, and will reach grand success and live a full, rich and useful life here and now. As we come into the Spirit and see with the real inner eye, we see only order and beauty as we are lifted up on a much higher plane of action. As we live in the senses we are drugged and asleep with the poison of materialism and have only nightmares and ugly dreams, illusions and delusions. Come, blessed sleeping brothers, awake! Know the beauty and richness of life here, now and forever. A drugged man who sleepeth hath no power to do. Come, beloved sleepers, know the ancient, simple, Mystic Way which will cleanse thy mind of the consuming fumes of poison and rouse thy soul and lead you to eternal bliss, commencing here and now. Awake this day!

Sister Elizabeth Kerr, R. D. 38, Hawleyville, Conn., writes in universal love as follows: "I wish to thank God and you for the great help I have received since joining our Club. I ask your prayers that I may have strength and courage to persevere and overcome all obstacles that would prove a hindrance to my prayers in the attainment of the Divine Life, here and now. I pray that God, the loving Father, may bless and prosper you in the good work you are doing." Peace be with thee, beloved sister, and we will pray for you. Oh, how powerful is that prayer uttered for others and not for self! Come, beloved members of this Club, here is a blessed privilege to pray for our sister who is an aspiring soul reaching out for the Light of Truth.

Every being of great success always had a strong and continuous Faith in the Supreme Goodness; was a cheerful Optimist, no matter what happened. "Press on, press on, beloved, for God and the whole universe is at your back." Fear not! Doubt not! Press on! What if you do slip now and then—Press on! In a while you will gain the summit of the Mountain of Eternal Light and Bliss, where Love, Light and Life are one and eternal. Press on! Earnestly seek the Good.

Sister Ilina E. Lomax, 816 Warwick avenue, Baltimore, Md., writes: "The result of my work in the Club has filled me with wonder, and I hardly know how to express to you my great gratitude for the blessed change in myself. My health is now perfect; in fact, I have never been so well in my life." The Mystic Way to health and wholeness is a practical way; we are intensely practical in our work. Canon Barnett said: "The ideal leader of the day is the Mystic who can be practical." We say, he who is not practical and progress-

ive and filled with tremendous orderly force is not a Mystic. The Spirit does not make a man foolish—it makes him sane, wise, orderly, practical, sensible, dignified, forceful and purposeful.

NOW, HERE AND TO-DAY IS THE TIME AND PLACE TO BEGIN A FULL AND RICH LIFE. WE RISE BY LIVING HIGHLY AND PURELY HERE AND NOW. HE WHO SEES HIS START ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS TO-MORROW, WILL FAIL AND FALL TO-DAY. TO-DAY IS THE DAY TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND TO JOIN THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB.

Sister Hannah Shempsey, 153 Fifty-fourth street, Chicago, Ill., is an earnest and enthusiastic member. She writes in universal love as follows: "I am so thankful to God and the Club for the Light and Life I have received. I now have neither time nor inclination for fret or worry, I am so blessed and happy. May God bless and be with you all in my prayer." Fret and Worry cause much distress and much failure. The simple Mystic Way leads man quickly and permanently out of the weakening vibrations of Fret and Worry.

Brother Thaddeus C. Smith, 720 De Graw avenue, Newark, N. J., writes: "I have received great benefit from your lessons and treatment; I am much improved in health; I sleep much better and my mind is calmer and clearer, and I want to thank God and Mystics Nos. 7 and 12 for my great blessings."

Brother Edward Martin, Spanky, Jersey County, Ill., writes: "I am now happy and contented. I sleep well all night now, something I have not done for a long time. God bless you all for what you have done for me." Insomnia and nervousness in their worst forms and of long standing are quickly and permanently cured by work in the First Degree. Such is the mighty power of the Spirit and the Angels.

Sister Mary T. Youngs, 134 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor, Mich., is making grand progress in her Club work. She writes: "I have worked through the two degrees and am nearly well. I have been so sick, but am now surely better. To-day I took a ride, the first in nearly two months. My heart is so full of love and happiness that I could shout with joy. I am so glad I am a member of this dear Club, and I want to thank God and all the members and dear brother Mystic No. 7 for the great help they have given me, and are still giving me. We read The MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES every day, as it is such a great help to us; will try to send more subscribers soon." No one can do much more good in this world than to help circulate The MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, as it will, sooner or later, bring peace, harmony and melody into every home it enters; the Mystic Success Club will bring grand success to every loyal and faithful member.

When in trouble, disease or sorely perplexed, that is the time to turn to God and pray for relief. The Mystics teach you the ancient short and simple Mystic Prayers, which are all-powerful. Thousands upon thousands of men and women in all parts of the world are writing us voluntary testimonies as to the potency and efficacy of the Mystic Way. "The sun requires no torch to make it visible; we do not light a candle to see the sun." These letters are merely the reflection of the ETERNAL LIGHT that begins to shine in the souls of all who join this Club.

Brother Joseph Albright, Willow Grove, Pa., writes: "I have great delight in life now. I feel so young and happy, the same as when I was a boy. Now I have hope, faith and courage. I will be a true and faithful worker in this blessed work the remaining days of my life." God bless you, brother; your success is assured. He who works in the Spirit cannot fail. The Lord never fails us if we look to Him for our strength, guidance and direction in the simple Ancient Way.

Sister Belle Winnagle, Warren, O., writes us in the Christ love: "My health is constantly improving. It seems to me, however, the greatest change has been made in my mind, and the feeling of constant help in controlling both thoughts and words is wonderful. I shall always be thankful for the great help I have received. And The MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES has been a constant help to me from the very first number I received. My most earnest prayer is that I may indeed be a help and a blessing to the All, and that I may live the Christ life. I can notice that the change in myself changes the attitude of others toward me. May God bless each one of you and all." To the degree that man can love all, to that very degree all will love him and want to shower blessings on him. Spiritual Magnetism is much higher than so-called "personal magnetism;" it draws and attracts only good, only blessings, only plenty, all the time. Our sister, by her broad, deep and rich love of the All, is developing that greatest of all gifts, Spiritual Magnetism. Her thoughts and words are being sweetened, toned and tempered by the Universal Love within her soul, which the ancient and simple Mystic Way never fails to rouse. Remember this is the Twentieth Century Spiritual Movement for peace, orderly force, progress and prosperity.

Brother Elliot Baldwin, 70 Berkley avenue, Bloomfield, N. J., has been helped out of great and distressing trouble by God through this Club. He writes: "Oh, how much I have been helped! I am a new being. God and the unseen forces helped and guided me through one of the most trying trials of my life, and instead of being proved guilty of something I never did, or never will do, I am to receive an apology from the people who wrongly accused me. I send love to each member of the Club, and hope they will all have great success in all of their undertakings." God is always ready to help us in our troubles if we go to Him with simple child-like love and faith. "Let all flesh bless His Holy Name forever."



## About the Mystic Success Club

Brother John L. Pfister, Harbor Springs, Mich., writes in an earnest and enthusiastic way. Among other things he says: "I wish to acknowledge that I feel much better now than ever I did in my life before, and I am realizing blessings I have not dreamed of before joining this Club." Great blessings come to us when we begin to live in the Spirit. The Mystic Way is a blessed Way.

Brother J. H. Ferguson, Wayne, W. Va., is making grand progress. Here are some extracts from a recent letter: "I want to tell you I feel much better now in every way than I have felt for fifteen years; I am much improved spiritually and physically, and now all my troubles have left me. I am delighted with the treatments. My prayers and best wishes to The Mystic Success Club." As we live with God we live in the Right Way, and become whole, happy and successful.

"Make me to walk in thy commands;  
Tis a delightful road;  
Nor let my head, or heart, or hands  
Offend against my God."

Sister Jane Wilson, North Powder, Ore., writes in holy and universal love as follows: "I must say this blessed Club has brought me great happiness, and is helping me to overcome my weak points. I rejoice to know I am living in the light of the Holy Spirit, and I am trying each day to live up to the teachings of my degrees. I will try to help on the good work and get subscribers for our blessed MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. May God bless all of my brothers and sisters in this great Club is my prayer." Blessed and powerful are the prayers of an earnest soul, and blessed is he or she who in any way helps any book, paper, church, religion or organization that is striving to teach men about the mighty love of God.

We receive great numbers of strong letters asking us not to print names, which we do not publish, as we treat them sacredly confidential. The following gives an idea of these letters: "I enclose a testimony herewith, but I do not wish my name published, but you can print as follows: Sister M., of Aurora, Ill., writes that when she joined the Success Club she needed help, and asked for it. She writes that she got a lot of help and all she needed." Oh, beloved members, why fear to testify to the whole world the blessings of the great God? Blessed is he who acknowledges God openly and freely in every possible way. Such testimony sets other sufferers to thinking, cleanses the mind of the one who testifies, of timidity and fear, and glorifies God. However, we desire only free testimonies of truth that come from the spirit and heart. We have on file enough testimonies to fill great volumes. Many testimonies which are very strong, and in which the writers ask us not to print their names, they would make a great large book. A testimony without the name and full address, and which on its face bears the stamp of Truth, is of no value. While we cannot print all of the thousands of testimonies received, we are delighted to have them to keep on record, showing the great work God is doing through the band of loving and praying souls.

Sister Grace Yeager, 1351 West Madison street, Chicago, Ill., writes: "Since joining the Club and doing the work I feel much better in every way; my mind seems more clear and bright, and I have more self-control." No one can hope for much success or happiness until the mind is made open, calm, serene and blissful by the mighty power of Spirit. "Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace; thereby good shall come unto thee."

Brother W. F. Funk, 262 Franklin avenue, Cleveland, O., is a warm and enthusiastic friend of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and our Club. The following extracts from a letter filled with universal love and praise speak for themselves: "Am compelled to say that ever since I have been reading THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES I have been blessed spiritually and physically. I am being helped some way in business matters which I cannot understand. God bless every member of this great Club." The Spirit helps us in many and divers ways. As we grow in Spirit God's ways are made plain and the mysteries are solved, and what appeared to the mortal mind as supernatural becomes natural. True religion is scientific, and true science is religious. All that is called "religious" and "spiritual" is not necessarily so; true religion makes man joyful, peaceful, forceful, purposeful and above all a worker, a successful worker. The Mystic Adepts know that man, when he comes into oneness with God, becomes orderly, progressive, peaceful, joyful, healthful and successful. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

James Allen says: "Just as suffering and strife and failure inhere in, and spring from, their root-cause, selfishness, so blessedness and peace inhere in, and spring from, their root-cause, righteousness. And it is a full and all-embracing blessedness, complete and perfect in every department of life, for that which is morally and spiritually right is physically and materially right."

Sister Mary Matilda Jackson, 1733 De Sales street, Washington, D. C., writes us in Christian love: "I have been so happy in the sweet consolation of your prayers. With all my troubles everything seems so easy. Everything blessed seems to come to me now. I am living in a beautiful world now, and scarcely realize I am the same person. I feel so strong in faith, hope and love, and am so

thankful for the day when I first saw your life-giving MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, which has given me so much truth, light and life. May the blessed Father so enlighten the hearts of all the readers that our blessed light may be spread wide and far, is my constant prayer." God bless you, beloved sister, your prayers with the thousands of similar ones is being answered. No similar movement in the history of the world has made greater progress than we are making. Such is the mighty power of Love, universal love, and Prayer. "Everyone that asketh receiveth."—Luke, xi, 10. Whenever spiritual men and women write and band themselves together in eternal and universal love for the betterment of mankind, progress, prosperity and a higher civilization, there will be found the great God and the mighty angels working with them.

Brother Joseph R. Moreland, civil engineer, Paulsboro, N. J., writes: "I must say I am thoroughly convinced of the effective way in which health and happiness can be had and retained by following your instructions. The Unseen Forces are the real ones, and your teachings are sure to bring expected results when they are properly applied. May the greatest success continue to attend you." All who can love Him that he hath never seen is firm on the eternal Path to eternal Peace, Power and Plenty, and will soon be one with Providence.

Brother Charles Stuber and wife, 30 Conklin street, Cincinnati, O., write: "I must say that, although we had almost all the lessons on Mental Science that can be had, we never received as much benefit for Peace, Health, Prosperity and Happiness as we have experienced since we joined The Mystic Success Club. We are now able to overcome almost everything, and we are doing very well indeed. We are both doing all we can do to increase the membership of this blessed Club." Oh, how blessed is Spiritual Science! One can love and pray himself into the Kingdom; he can never think himself into it. It is the soul and the heart with the help and grace of God's Will that carries us to the Most High. The Mystic Way is the simple and blessed Way.

Brother George B. Campbell, 451 East Fourth street, Los Angeles, Cal., is an aspiring spirit that is now rapidly coming into the pure white Light of Truth. He writes: "I have been wonderfully helped and blessed. With constant efforts I mean to progress until I can live the God-life each day and always; that will mean supreme happiness to me. As my heart longs for the God-life more abundantly, so is my wish and prayer for each member of our Club." Our brother will be blessed as long as he firmly holds to divine Principles of Love, Purity, Compassion and Righteousness. This is practical holiness, which will lead him or anyone to peace, progress, prosperity, health and eternal bliss here, now and forever.

Sister Adelaide E. Baumgras, 300 West 112th street, New York City, writes: "I thank God for leading me to this blessed Club, which has done and is doing so much for me. I am now full of joy, happiness and contentment; I have a heart full of love for all." What is more blessed than to love All! Herein is the great and lasting Power that frees man from thralldom and makes him more than mere man; frees him from the unrest, pain, sorrow and shadows of life. More than that, makes him a mighty power to help uplift others, a blessing and a benediction in the world.

The more we love others, the more we love God; and the more our hearts will be purified, the more God will be in them.

Sister E. L. Reynolds, Fort Edward, N. Y., writes: "Since joining the Club I find myself much improved spiritually; I am a new person; my health is so much better than in years, that I say to my friends that I am well, and without medicine, for I have not taken any drugs since I commenced working the four degrees. I cannot find words to express the gratitude and thankfulness that is in my heart for the help that the dear Father has given me through the Success Club." We reach the blessed eternal Kingdom of Peace, Joy, Health, Prosperity and Success in but one way. It is by overcoming selfishness and ignorance by Love—the Light of Truth. Oh, beloved, come, know the mystic Peaceful Way.

"Be still, my soul, and know that Peace is thine;  
Be steadfast, heart, and know that strength divine  
Belongs to thee; cease from thy turmoil mind,  
And thou the everlasting rest shall find."

Sister Anna J. Ferguson, 920 Ewing street, Fort Wayne, Ind., writes us a sweet letter, filled with holy vibrations. Among other things, she says: "I feel greatly benefited in every way, and wish the founders and members of the Club the greatest success."

Brother John E. Loring, 19 Hayden street, Marlboro, Mass., writes: "I cannot tell you how much the Mystic teachings have helped me. My work now is all right; no matter what comes, I am happy all day long. A man from Boston wrote me for advice about joining the Club and I sent him an answer by the next mail. I have got three new subscribers for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and am getting others interested." Blessed are all those who help to circulate good magazines and books; anyone who helps increase the membership of our Club or increase the circulation of the Magazine will, in a psychic way, be helped.

Sister W. C. Holings, Day P. O., Clarion County, Pa., is an enthusiastic and earnest worker. She writes: "Oh, what a grand work! It has done me worlds of good, and I could not do without your help." We only help thee, beloved, in the simple, ancient, Mystic Way, to find the real God, the real eternal Providence, within thy own soul.

THE MYSTICS WRITE FEW LETTERS. ALWAYS REMEMBER, ANY REQUEST OF YOURS FOR PRAYERS OR SPECIAL TREATMENT WILL BE SACREDLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY ATTENDED TO WITHOUT OUR WRITING YOU LETTERS.

Brother Fred Vogt, Goldman, Mo., writes us in holy love as follows: "I cannot thank the Father too much for blessing me with a membership in this great Club. I never realized the fullness, richness and completeness of life as I do now. I now enjoy perfect health and am vibrating with Love, Peace and good will to all beings in God's universe. I am gaining in weight and strength, and am happy and contented and can work from morning till night and not feel tired, as I used to. I cannot describe all the blessed benefits I am receiving through the help of this grand Club. God bless The Mystic Success Club and its members forever." No one can fail who really is a fervent universal lover.

As we grow in the Spirit our strength and power increaseth. Always remember that much that is called "spiritual" is not spiritual.

Brother Rev. M. P. Franklin, Lake Charles, La., is one of our broad-minded Christian ministers. He writes us in holy love and says, in part: "The studying and working of these degrees has worked wonders in my life in every way. My health is better than for years. My confidence and receptivity to the Spirit amaze me. I have noticed my attracting and magnetic powers are growing every day. These degrees are a golden opportunity for anyone. God bless The Mystic Success Club in its great work. I shall pray for you all." Thanks for your prayers, brother. One clear proof that this Club is a divine organization is its universality. It has many Christian ministers on its rolls, many Jews, Buddhists, Agnostics, Spiritual Healers, Mental Healers, Doctors of Drugs, Lawyers, etc. Indeed, our membership comprises every kind of an aspiring man or woman that dwells on this planet. The Truth always attracts and holds the multitudes. We have nothing to offer man but the eternal, simple, plain Truth, that the Holy Mystics have taught for ages. The test of Truth is that it can be comprehended by ALL—by the most illiterate and the most intellectual. As a matter of Truth, the Blessed Truth cometh from the soul and heart, and not from the head. Blessed is he who searcheth for the Truth with ever-renewed effort and unflagging zeal.

Brother Henry Stanton, 313 Beech street, Syracuse, N. Y., writes us in "sacred truth," as follows: "I am pleased to say that I have been gaining in health and strength, which I know comes from the Unseen Forces and cannot possibly come from any other. The change is very gradual, but very sure, and I am satisfied." God within, and the Angels without, help us.

Sister Mrs. Thomas C. Trewin, 30 Grey street, Chatham, Ont., Canada, writes in eternal and universal love. She says, in part: "I have been greatly helped. I thank Mystic No. 7 for the help he gave me. I am in much better health, and I am so glad I am a life member of this blessed Club. May God bless you and all your efforts for good." God always blesses all true, good and righteous works. "The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works."

Sister Emma C. Zeigler, Bloomville, O., sends love to all, and says: "I wish to testify to God and the Club that I have been greatly helped, and my only hope is to realize great good." Great good always comes to the fervent God-lover. The law and the foundation and central Principle of the universe is Love. All selfishness, bigotry, intolerance, fanaticism, pessimism and ignorance are bitterly opposed to that Law, and that is what causes all the woe, misery and failure in the world. A selfish man or woman is already a failure.

Sister Alice L. Allen, South Otsele, N. Y., writes: "I have received great help and benefit from this blessed Mystic Success Club. Receiving such beautiful messages cannot help but bring blessings to all. A great and blessed power within vibrates me powerfully. I cannot fully express my thanks to you and the Holy Angels. God bless all members of this blessed Club." Mighty and powerful are all prayers for good works; for spreading good books, good magazines or enlarging the work of organizations that in any way help uplift humanity. The Mystics pray for all religious bodies, all sects, all churches, and all spiritual works, for they all help lead men to God.

Sister Olive C. Howe, 89 Myrtle avenue, Fitchburg, Mass., writes in universal love: "My work in this Club has filled my soul with the very fullness of God, and I have had a peace and joy of mind which is a continual feast. To God be all the praise, honor and glory for this blessed state of mind. I can truly say that I have been spiritually and physically benefited by joining The Mystic Success Club." Permanent peace and health and success can only come when we live with God and the angels and the higher forces.

Brother W. H. Mitchell, 939 North Sixth street, St. Joseph, Mo., is an aspiring spirit reaching out with universal love for Light. He writes: "Oh, what blessed considerations are these: To realize that wherever we may be we are never alone—that the 'Ancient Physician who can heal' is ever with us and that life is eternal. May God bless all. Please pray for me." Come, beloved members of this Club which ever strives to help humanity, let us pray for our brother. There is no prayer so helpful and forceful as that prayer uttered for others. Many holy Mystics who pray without ceasing rarely pray for themselves.

Unto Thee, O great God, do I lift up my voice and open my heart for the ALL. I ask nothing for myself; only give me guidance to help others with thoughts of love, gentleness and kindness. All for Thy glory. Amen.

Sister Margaret M. Davis, East Dearing, N. H., loves all in the universe, and writes us a long letter of praise to God and the Club. Among other things she says: "In all sincerity I have been helped very much spiritually and physically. The month just closed has been to me the most peaceful and happy of all my life; I now see more beauty in nature and all other things than ever before, and I have more peace of mind than ever before. I know I have advanced a step in the right path, and I know I am helped in my daily duties as never before. Dear brothers and sisters, pray for me that my mind may become more and more open to the blessed Light of Truth. The Bible, the Degrees, the books you send members, and THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES are my constant companions. I thank God and the dear Mystics for all that is being done for me; I have help in some way every day." Here is another blessed privilege to pray for a sister member; it is always a blessed privilege to pray for another. To him that prayeth for his brother will come the Angel of Love.

Brother W. A. Bretz, Sycamore, O., writes: "Since joining our blessed Club I have received many helpful vibrations that have filled my soul with Peace and Joy, and made me recognize the Love, Life and Health that is ever present. I thank you for your kindly attentions." To him that searcheth with the spirit cometh all Life; for all Life is always in the midst of thee, say the Holy Mystics.

All testimonies we print are given freely in Holy Love and Truth from the Inner Voice of the soul, and the full name and address of the writer given. We receive many letters stating great blessings received, asking us to print same, but not use their names. There is a two-fold purpose in printing these testimonies: (1) to show the world the power of God to bring peace, joy, health, strength and success to His children when they love, trust and live with Him; (2) for the good of the soul of the writer. When God has helped us we should fearlessly and with joy and delight acknowledge it to our brothers and sisters, that it may praise and honor and glorify Him and at the same time help lead others to seek Him. God does not need praise nor does He require it, only in so much as it always blesses the one who praises Him openly and freely. "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for praise is comely for the upright." Never be afraid to praise and acknowledge God.

Sister A. N. Chaffee, Moodus, Conn., has been receiving special treatments by our brother, Mystic No. 7. She writes: "Dear Brother Mystic No. 7—Thank you, oh, so much, for the beautiful thoughts you send me each night. I have kept to the hour according to your request; I have felt your presence many nights at that hour, at least I felt a quiet, soothing influence, which I fully attributed to your ministrations. I can never thank you enough for the hope and courage you have brought into my weary soul. I write in holy love and great gratitude." Beloved child of God, place thy thanks with the Father. The Mystic Healer in treating at a distance (as a matter of truth there is no distance nor time to the Spirit) puts you in rapport with the Spirit and blessed intelligences (angels) who heal and soothe you. People do not marvel at a mere mechanical contrivance, such as Marconi has invented, sending electrical vibrations great distances without the aid of a wire. Now the Mystic Adept, with his tremendous psychic-mental power, directs thought vibrations to a spiritually minded person, and no matter how great the distance may be, if the sender is a real adept the vibrations are felt. The spirit-soul-brain power of a pure and holy man who works with Omnipresent Spirit has a much greater power to vibrate through the waves of the ether than any instrument Brother Marconi has ever constructed or even will construct. There is no distance or resistance to the great Mystic Adept. That is the reason our prayers are so powerful. Any pure, holy man or woman, who is non-attached and non-resistant (Christ-like), who has merged his personality into the Omnipotent One and cares not for name or fame, and is willing to work in eternal and universal love as a mere Mystic for the good of the All, can heal diseases at any distance. More than that! There are Holy Mystics who can project their astral bodies for a time great distances. Man, mere man, is just beginning to learn a little about the Power of Spirit. As we live more with God in love, purity and righteousness we learn more of the wonders and blessings of the Spirit, and the works of our blessed Jesus are understood and found to be natural and not supernatural.

THE SPIRIT ITSELF BEARETH WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD.—Rom., viii, 16.

More than that, beloved eternal children of one eternal loving Father, we are thy blessed heirs. "If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ."

Brother Franklin Springer, Box 145, Sparks, Okla., writes in Love, Hope, Faith and Charity: "My dear Brethren—I am very much improved mentally, physically and spiritually. I wish success and God-speed to the Success Club." And it is these thousands of blessed prayers that are helping the tremendous growth of this great Club. God be praised!

Sister B. C. Riggs, Larkspur, Col., is coming into the blessed eternal White Light where there can be no darkness nor doubt. She writes: "I am much improved in body and mind. The last few nights I have fallen asleep while reading the thoughts you sent me. I wish you success." Oh, beloved, "the voice of the soul is not to be silenced." Listen to the Voice and it will bring thee peace.

THE WORST CASES OF INSOMNIA ARE QUICKLY AND PERMANENTLY CURED BY WORK IN THE FIRST DEGREE (Health Degree). WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF LETTERS SIMILAR TO THE ABOVE LETTER.



### An Extraordinary Hindu Trick

"THE acknowledged greatest of all Hindu performances," said Captain Weaver, of London, "and the one that has been told by trustworthy persons too often to be doubted, is the one in which the fakir throws a ball of twine into the air above him, while he holds the loose end of the string and then climbs it, with a knife between his teeth, following the boy assistant who has preceded him. In this performance the spectators, surprised when both boy and man climb out of sight, are horrified when the boy's severed head, arms and legs, followed by his trunk, fall to the ground, with the man sliding down close behind. Their astonishment is increased when the fakir gathers the quivering members and restores the boy to life."

"Well, I saw this performance once, and once I didn't see it, and the latter experience was more wonderful than the former."

"I had some London friends visiting me, and after having left them for a few minutes on the broad veranda of my bungalow, I saw, as I was returning, the very fakir and his assistant whom I had seen perform the trick, standing about forty feet in front of my friends, apparently preparing for their performance. As I was about the same distance behind the Hindus, and had not been observed by them or seen from the veranda, I stood quietly where I was, so as to not disturb the performance."

"The man placed a drawn knife between his teeth, took the usual ball of twine in his right hand, made a motion as though throwing it in the air, and then stood perfectly quiet. My friends on the veranda were looking into the upper air, with astonishment pictured on their faces, which in a minute turned to a look of horror as their eyes came back to the ground. In another minute their countenances lit with pleasure, and they loudly applauded with their hands and feet. The fakir was gathering in his 'backsheesh' when I joined them."

"They could not say enough about the wonderful performance they had seen, and were astonished beyond measure when I told them I had been as near the fakir as themselves, and had seen nothing of what had so wonderfully impressed them."

### A Sailor's Premonition

"THE night before the attack on Fort Fisher," relates Admiral Robley D. Evans, in his interesting autobiography, "A Sailor's Log," "we had on board the Powhatan a fine young seaman named Flannigan, who came from Philadelphia. On the night of January 4, 1865, he came to my room with a small box in his hand and said to me: 'Mr. Evans, will you be kind enough to take charge of this box—it has some little trinkets in it—and give it to my sister in Philadelphia?' I asked him why he did not deliver it himself, to which he replied: 'I am going ashore with you to-morrow and will be killed.' I told him how many bullets it required to kill a man in action, and in other ways tried to shake his convictions. But it was no use—he stuck to them. He showed no nervousness over it, but seemed to regard it as a matter of course. I took the box, and after making a proper memorandum put it away among my things. On the afternoon of the next day, when we were charging the fort, and just as we came under fire, at about eight hundred yards, I saw Flannigan reel out to one side and drop, the first man hit, with a bullet through his heart. I stepped quickly to his side and asked him if he were badly hurt. His only reply was a smile as he looked up into my face and rolled over, dead. The box was delivered as requested, and I afterward assisted in getting a pension for his sister."

Let us all mind our own business. How curious it is that men should quit their work and make a business of looking after the business of others! No man is ridiculous excepting when he neglects his own affairs to look after the business of other men—no man but is splendid when he is minding his own business. Is there anything finer than to mind one's own business? Oh, cursed spite, that men are born to set each other right.—*Elbert Hubbard.*

You want to find God's home?  
Gently, softly, this way come;  
On the door you'll find the name—  
"Jesus Christ"—all written plain;  
"Knock!" The door swings open wide—  
Only your pure heart inside.

The shadows are cast, not by approaching curses, but by blessings.—*W. J. Colville.*

Mystics are mystics because they desire to eliminate the personal from their being; because they abhor worship of the personal; because they are universal lovers and love all alike. God is not a respecter of persons. He is the great and only true lover; the Mystic at-one with God is more forceful and more helpful to the Whole in his quiet, impersonal work. So, beloved, think before you censure these holy men for apparently keeping in the background, and remember "fools rush in where angels fear to tread."—*A Mystic.*

### Suggestions

DREAMS are not hallucinations. They are our mental impressions of other minds. Dreams can be made to work out problems in sleep.

SALVATION is to be made whole in the body. The soul is not converted. The man changes his views of things. He who believes truth does not need to give up error. Truth displaces it.

Belief in a state of activity is faith. Unbelief is throwing a doubt in the face of Divinity. The man who trusts himself trusts God. The man who trusts his own effort trusts God. Man is a portion of the Omnipresence of Deity. Salvation is to be made whole in the body. The greatest things are just at hand because God is Omnipotent, and Omnipotence is everywhere.

Regret is of no value. EVIL is that which comes between us and the good things of life. Man creates a false conception of the power within him. Evil is a creature of man; good is the creation of God. Reward is in accordance with man's compliance with Law. SCIENCE is accumulated knowledge—facts acquired through actual experience; facts proven by investigation.

There is nothing out of the range of possibilities to the man who determines upon it. Everything man ever went into expecting failure, has failed. There is nothing mysterious about anything that is natural. If we wish to be masters, we must have full confidence in ourselves. The soul first believed, went on a trip in quest of truth, and then KNEW.

The soul knows no divergent lines.

Law is negation. Law is limitation. Truth knows no Law. Truth is Law. Law recognizes something higher than itself. There is nothing higher than truth. Truth is. Error is not. The law in the Garden of Eden was negation. It was the inhibition of error. The flaming sword was not set up, or the cherubim stationed as the sentinel watch, till after the transgression; after the expulsion. Then the sword was not set up because of anything within the Garden, but as limitation to that which was without.—*Professor S. A. Weltmer.*

### Harp and Heart

A BROKEN harp for a century lay  
Stored in a dusty garret away,  
Till one day a master discovered it there,  
And saw 'twas a model old and rare.  
With patient care and practiced art  
He restored each string and broken part.  
Then he swept with his finger-tips chord after chord,  
That echoed and swelled through the sounding-board,  
Till all the themes of its dead past awoke,  
Touched into life by his master stroke.

A broken heart once wearily lay  
Hidden from sight in a breast away,  
Till at length a master band of love  
Came with his touch its tones to prove.  
And that heart, through pain and wisdom mature,  
Steadfast and earnest, loving and pure,  
Through the touch of love—that master stroke—  
To strains of song and poesy awoke,  
For the master's skill and the master's word  
Had healed each broken and silent chord.

—*Allan Parkinson, in Christian.*

### Mental Housecleaning

THROW out cracked ideas and old rags of superstition, that match nothing in the new thought. Cast behind old memories that never will fit you again. Scrub up new conceptions. Polish your latest recognition. Root out silliness and deceit. Cart out indecision, which is junk. Sweep the cobwebs out of your brain. Take down the unnatural pictures hanging over the walls of your mind. Have for frescoes no hieroglyphics of the past. Open the windows of your soul and let the sweet, fresh air of understanding sweep through your being.

Every time you acknowledge weakness, deficiency or lack of ability, or harbor doubt, you weaken your self-confidence, and that is to weaken the very foundation, the very possibility of your success.

A great soul always sees "a providential beneficence crowning every battlefield." Pessimism is no part of him who knows God's grand evolutionary plan. At-one with God, man knows and sees and hears and is wise. A seer does not take note of the immediate and visible events so much as he does of their cause, purpose and ultimate good. It is a great thing to know that all there is, is eternal, and that nothing can be lost; that spirit and matter are eternal; that All is One, eternally one; that in diversity is unity, and in unity there is diversity. It is a great blessing to "know that, knowing which, all is known."—*The Blissful Prophet.*

Oh, let all the soul within you  
For the truth's sake go abroad;  
Strike! let every nerve and sinew  
Tell on ages—tell for God!

### Life

THROUGHOUT the universe is nothing but life—the Spirit. To have Life in its fullest we must adore and worship the source of all Life—God. In Philo we find the following on Life:

"I am come that they might have more abundant life." Thus spoke Jesus as the Shepherd of the sheep. That we might have life more abundantly should be the aim of all our efforts. And that life is produced in more abundance should be the test of all we do. Just in so far anything we do tends to the production of a fuller life, then is it right; and if it hinders or lessens life, then is it wrong.

But what is Life? Length of days, health and vigor, ability to do, and the will to do right. It is all these and more; it is a conscious union with the great life, a joy in fulfilling the purpose of our being. There is a way in life in which there is joy. "Thou wilt show me the path of life; in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore."

All creation is bursting into life, manifesting the great Spirit pervading all. Man and woman stand at the top, the fullest manifestation of the Divine. We, for convenience, speak of the higher and the lower life; both are necessary for the true manifestation. In us all is good. The lower comes first; that which is higher comes after. There is the life of infancy, of childhood, of maturity and of senility—life under different conditions, yet a true manifestation.

There is the life of the body—the physical life; that is part of the true life. Health and strength are necessary to holiness. Work for the life of the body is as necessary as work for the salvation of the soul. There is the intellectual life—that is, the intelligent ability to know and to use the knowledge for the best purposes. It means wisdom to guide into the right path of natural development, into the joy of growth. There is the spiritual life—a life in harmony with the Spirit of the universe; a life full of help in the right way, full of love and at-one-ment, co-operating in all good, a living according to law, spontaneously—thus taking the truest way for our own highest happiness, doing the best under all conditions.

"My yoke is easy." How easy is it all? How far astray are the many who are yet feeling life a burden, fighting, fearing, suffering? Come into the harmony of love and helpfulness of co-operation; walk in the path of the true life; live in the presence of the good, and have joy; be at the right hand of the Eternal, and have truest pleasures for evermore. Happiness is the natural condition of life.

### An Object-Lesson

I THINK it would be a great gain to the world if even a few of us understood that what may be called Christian principles are always dominant, and are principles that should prevail, if only men would let them alone or accept them.

Jesus taught the all-power of service. He said, in effect, that he that would be greatest, let him be the servant of all. We see the truth of this in everyday life. Those who are greatest among us are not preachers and politicians, but servants, those who best supply our demands—especially those who supply widespread demands—serve all, and for the least return.

I believe this is one of the most valuable facts that can be understood; and but few understand it, apparently.

Let it once become known that through service alone, through supplying demands and not prescribing them, all power may be had, even by one man, at once we shall change many of our methods. And no thought of resistance shall enter our minds. It is not for me to judge of the character of any demand. It is for me to serve, or not serve, as I see fit. We shall not resist, by word or by deed. Our whole soul will be engaged in discovering and supplying demands, and in supplying them at right terms—cost. No competition for gain can stand up beside such service.

Let us understand that no man is great, or wealthy, or powerful who has not gained wealth and power through serving, and many of the mysteries of life shall disappear.

Is there anything in all the world sweeter to a man than to hear even his failures lauded as if they were victories, by the tender voice of the woman he loves?

Altitude is not the same thing as ability. Position does not bring merit. A small boy astride of the ridgepole of the highest barn in the country is as much of a small boy as ever—with increased capacity for mischief. Which thing is a parable.—*Wellspring.*

The Yogi Adepts teach: "We must have love and friendship for all; we must be merciful toward those that are in misery; when people are happy we ought to be happy, and to the so-called wicked (undeveloped and more or less insane people) we must be indifferent, yet project silent love thoughts toward them, feeling that their 'wickedness' is only a temporary state of unbalanced mind."



## FOR THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD

Thought to be held at 12 M.

"Look unto me, and be ye saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else."—Isa., xiv, 22.

Thought to be held at 9 P. M.

"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."—Isa. lxi, 1.

**I**N the noon thought there is a message from the Great Protector to those who are overburdened with trials or cast down with fear. In these days of hurry and confusion, when there are accidents and storms and contentions, the timid hearts look longingly for that which shall be a refuge. They are frightened and tremble with apprehension because of the unknown and possibly the imminent danger. To them are given these words: LOOK UNTO ME, AND BE YE SAVED.

Look unto ME. "WHO?" they question. "I see no one, I know no one who can help me." And just here is where the words of the beautiful text will become like letters of gold. Whoever will speak them with a childlike heart, a willing mind and a sincere faithfulness will be comforted and blessed, yea, will become acquainted with the ONE ONLY who can save to the uttermost. Are you, reader of this Silent Brotherhood page, one who KNOWS, not merely HOPES, that there is a "present help in time of trouble?"

Have you found the efficacy of right words? If not, try them. Take this text, realize its wonderful import to YOU, and that it is veritably a message direct to you from the Heavenly Father. If you will repeat the words, even for a few moments, AS THOUGH THEY HAD BEEN SPOKEN to you, placing yourself as a LISTENER, you will find the noonday practice a means of creating within you a new and glorious faith. You will cease the trembling, refrain from the fearing and be made strong, confident and serene. You will have looked unto the Lord, and not in vain.

And in the evening, when the hour has come for retirement, when the world, with its noise, its unrest and its turmoil is shut out, again open your heart to the All Presence. Wait in silence and reverent expectancy. Open your whole being to the Highest, that you may be pure in heart.

If you are sincere, if you are faithful to your life purpose, it will not be long before, in these evening devotions, you will have moments of exaltation, of reverential stillness, when the earnest cry of your soul will be answered. When this stillness comes stealing upon you you may, out of the fulness of your heart, make the declaration, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD IS UPON ME, etc.

Perhaps you will linger long on these words, wrapt in the glorious realization of all that they mean to you, until, indeed, the power becomes a baptism and the self is immersed in the clean, clear water of life, of which this wonderful text is the symbol. Say them again and again. Say them until you feel the sacredness of their meaning to you, and then, dear heart, in that flood of love that will surge into and through your being, you will INVOLUNTARILY preach the glad tidings, bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and be the message bearer to all in your world, BECAUSE you have been ANOINTED. Be faithful to the Brotherhood texts and see what blessings follow the faithfulness.

Yours in Holy Love,  
MYSTIC No. 7.

## Aftermath

When splendid day to sombre darkness dies;  
When all the riotous birds have hushed their song,  
And the blue water and the perfumed throng  
Of flowers are hidden; when sad shadow lies  
Where golden sunshine erstwhile filled the eyes,  
And all is dark and cold the hills among;  
Oh, then the moon will rise, and, pure and strong,  
Flood the gray world with silver to the skies!  
So, when youth's glow and glory fade away;  
When the sweet laugh and dearer love-words die;  
The high endeavor and the happy play  
Alike are past; perhaps in the dark sky  
Another light will bring a lovelier day,  
More tender, rare, full of mystery.  
—Hildegard Hawthorne, in *Century*.

It does me little good to read a book that is in consonance with my own opinions; but a book that disagrees with me in many particulars is a source of interest and growth. There is a greater stimulus to the mind in a line of argument that carries you out of your own particular beliefs and methods than in one that agrees with you. Only observe closely what you read and what you hear and see, and your mind will find food in everything.—Wilms.

Who does not love a tranquil heart, a sweet-tempered, balanced life? It does not matter whether it rains or shines, or what misfortunes come to those possessing these blessings, for they are always sweet, serene and calm. That exquisite poise of character which we call serenity is the last lesson of culture; it is the flowering of life, the fruitage of the soul. It is as precious as wisdom, more to be desired than gold—yea, than even fine gold. How contemptible mere money-wealth looks in comparison with a serene life—a life that dwells in the ocean of truth, beneath the waves, beyond the reach of tempests, in the eternal calm! How many people we know who sour their lives, who ruin all that is sweet and beautiful by explosive tempers, who destroy their poise of character by bad blood! In fact, it is a question whether the great majority of people do not ruin their lives and mar their happiness by lack of self-control. How few people we meet in life who are well balanced, who have that exquisite poise which is characteristic of the finished character!—Success.

Every life is a work of art shaped by the man who lives it; according to the faculty of the artist will be the quality of his work, and no general rules can supply the place of his own direct perception at every turn.—Dickinson.

## Reincarnation

"When I go down to my grave I can say, like so many others, 'I have finished my day's work;' but I cannot say, 'I have finished my life.' My day's work will begin again the next morning."—Victor Hugo.

But "one day's work"—the little span  
We've learned to call "the life of man"?  
What matter, then, if weary feet  
Are folded in their "winding sheet,"  
And leave their projects incomplete?  
To-morrow comes; and sleep is sweet.

What matter if "to-day" we stand  
The saddest thing on sea or land—  
Our daily task a hopeless quest  
Our sweetest dream a dreamless rest?  
'Tis but a day! Let grief be dumb,  
And after sleep the morn will come.

Not "morning" in some mystic sense,  
Whose vagueness mocks the soul intense,  
But morning as it shone when first  
Our souls a dream of rapture nursed:  
The morning of another youth  
With clearer vision of the truth.

"A better chance"—to try again  
Our fortunes 'mid the haunts of men,  
New strength to finish that begun.  
The time is short "from Sun to Sun;"  
We call it "life"—'tis but "a day,"  
"To-morrow" is not far away.

Then come, sweet sleep, and take away  
The bitter strife for what will "pay"—  
The anguished prayer for strength and grace  
To run with patience "life's hard race,"  
Come quickly, sleep of Death's dear night,  
That ushers in the morning light.

"The tomb is but a thoroughfare"—  
We've "time" to rest and "time to spare;"  
We've time to finish every task,  
Time to receive all we can ask,  
Time to retrieve each sad mistake  
When in the morning we awake.

Yet as we sow the seed to-day,  
Of sunny hours, or tempests gray,  
To-morrow shall we find our need  
Supplied with grain or noxious weed.  
There is no chance! Oh, blessed thought,  
And sweetest joy of pain is wrought.  
—Agnes Leonard Hill.

The Spiritual man does not need don'ts; he needs never to be told to not worry, to "brace up," and do things; he naturally does things; he is always strong. Such is the Power of Spirit.



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## A Wonderful Power

Lerche Causes Crowbars and Umbrellas to Walk  
by Merely Looking at Them

By H. W. P.  
in Freedom

**A**CCORDING to a veracious correspondent at Alto Pass, Ill., Viggo Lerche, of that place, can move inanimate objects by sheer force of will. Mr. Lerche is a Dane, twenty-eight years old, and a son of a wealthy Copenhagen merchant. He arrived in Alto Pass recently to visit his uncle, C. Jessen, a prominent manufacturer. Lerche had been in Alto Pass but a short time when his weird mental powers began to astonish the natives. He first demonstrated his miraculous will power in a drug store. A few evenings thereafter Lerche repeated his performance in his uncle's home.

In his performance at his uncle's home he used an iron poker several feet long and quite heavy. Standing it against the wall at an angle of forty-five degrees, he seated himself a few feet distant and focused his eyes on the top of the poker. Within a few seconds it began trembling, then gradually rose to a perpendicular position. After standing a moment it moved toward him in short jumps.

Mr. Lerche can affect any wood or metal object, such as umbrellas or canes, in the same way. He can be induced to exert his strange mental power only a short time before going to bed, as he says it makes him deathly sick unless he can take refuge in sleep. The correspondent says that Mr. Lerche is a modest young man, cultured and refined, and detests notoriety.

It has been noticed in treating a patient, even though the healer addresses the mind of the patient—the thinking part of him—that the thought he sends out seems to enter the patient's body first; that it seems to make its impression there even before the patient's brain perceives the impression has been made.

This shows me that the healer's thought seeks the point of least resistance. What is the point of least resistance? It is the body; the body is always negative to the brain; consequently the healer's thought makes its impression on the body of the patient first. After the impression is made on the body, the brain gradually recognizes and acknowledges that there has been a change in the body for the better.

For instance, a patient writes that he has kidney disease, with severe pains across his back. The healer then addresses him as one person will speak to another, saying to him: "There is no power in disease; it is but a negation of your power. It has no place in your whole organization but the place you give it by believing in it. Disease is not a builder; it is not a factor of growth; it is simply an impediment conceived in the untrained mind, and the same mind can dismiss it when it has learned the truth. As you have been unable to dismiss it, and have come to me to dismiss it for you, I now speak the word that releases you from it."

The first intimation of the healer that the patient has received his mental message is shown in a change in the patient's bodily condition. Here, then, is my application of a fact demonstrated by the experience of many healers to the item quoted from the World. If that which is most negative receives a mental message first, then wood and iron are infinitely more negative than the human body, and present even less resistance to the entrance of positive thought. Therefore I see no reason why the statement concerning the power of Viggo Lerche should be rejected as an impossible thing.

A woman in whose veracity I have perfect confidence told me that she had reasoned this thing out, and had come to the conclusion that it was in the power of man to send his thoughts into negative substances and make them obey. She said she had tried it upon the lamp globe hanging in her room, and had succeeded in communicating to it a vibration that was unmistakable. She also had tried it on an empty wood-box, and had seen it tip toward her in an effort to come to her. This same woman—and this I know to be true—added one inch to her height by her mental efforts, and she still retains it.

I have seen so many evidences of the power of mind over matter, or rather of the power of positive mind over negative mind, that I am slow to reject a statement like that concerning Mr. Lerche until it is proved false. Did not Jesus intimate that this was possible, when He said: "If ye have faith like a grain of mustard seed ye can say to the mountain, be thou removed and cast into the sea, and it shall be done?" How else could it be removed and cast into the sea but by the impartation of the operator's own thought to it? And how could Jesus raise the dead but by the same method?

And what produces the faith that is essential to such a transaction? I say it is a knowledge of the law of thought transmission.

And I say farther that though the Mental Scientist has not as yet reached a sufficient knowledge of the law to give him the supreme faith that will

accomplish the work Jesus is believed to have done, and the farther work that He predicted as being possible of doing, nevertheless all the healing now being accomplished by the mental scientists is done through thought transmission.

And here is another point that relates more particularly to the healing of patients. After the healer has once made the proper argument by which he establishes the fact that health is the true representative of the Life Principle, the Law of Attraction, and that disease is only the ignorant denial of this unmistakable truth, it is not necessary for him to keep repeating it every day. If one wishes a statement to be forceful he does not keep going over it again and again. To do so implies his doubt of its truth, and weakens the effect. What he needs to do after making the statement for health, prosperity or any condition desirable, is to strengthen himself in this position by concentrating his mind on the subject, and searching for further knowledge, so that assurance may become doubly assured to him. He wants to keep himself all the time in this high thought. He does not need to go out in thought to the patient again, provided the patient will come to him in thought. The great healer is always in the thought; he is always generating newer and higher and more positive thought on this subject, and as often as the patient comes into the healer's thought, holding himself receptive, he absorbs this thought; it flows through him, it enfolds him, and he gradually loses sight of his diseases through his connection with the healer, as the healer has lost sight of all disease through his knowledge of absolute truth.

The first necessity of the healer is a knowledge of this one great fundamental truth. The healer must study the law of mental development until he reaches the point where he knows that mind is master; that the mind creates disease, and that it also has the power to create health. To reach this great truth he must devote time and patience to study and thought. He must develop his reasoning powers far beyond the point where the majority of the race has stopped reasoning, for the majority will not think out of the long-established grooves of thought. They cling to the old; they stake their interests in the hereditary beliefs of past ages, and thus tie up their brains and render them helpless and inefficient for practical advancement in knowledge.

But a time may come when the healer must again direct special attention to the patient by going to him in thought, and there and then pouring into his mind the truths that lift him out of his old beliefs.

This is when he finds from his letters that the patient is not improving. He then knows that he has not made the true thought connection with him, and that he must make it with him. He does this, and as a rule the patient responds right away. In my experience it has been seldom that this has happened; so that out of a hundred patients I have only three or four of this class of cases on hand at one time.

And again, I have found by observation that it is not necessary to set a particular time in which to meet a patient in thought. It is never necessary to do this except in indulgence to the patient's fixed belief that it has to be done in order for him to receive the expected benefit. Some patients are so obstinate on this point, though manifestly in the wrong, that the healer must comply in order to remove the impediment to their recovery.

And this is the only reason why a healer should have a specially appointed time to treat a patient; for "thoughts are things"—and they are intelligent things, too. Charge a thought with a message to carry, and it carries it; and it never loses its coherence or its intelligent design until its mission is fulfilled. The patient may sit at the time agreed upon, and the healer may be faithful to the appointment, and yet the message may not be delivered then. It may be that the patient, in his effort to become negative, becomes positive instead, through too great eagerness to do the proper thing. In this case the thought message does not enter the body, but it is not dissolved; it waits its opportunity, and perhaps it may not accomplish its purpose until sleep has rendered the patient perfectly negative and receptive, when it enters his body and remains there to do its work.

I know how this sounds to persons who live upon the physical plane entirely, and who have postponed all the finer manifestations of life to a future world; but it is true. Results are demonstrating its truth in spite of all the ignorance that is combating it. Look at the cures the mental healers are making—at least eighty per cent. of all their patients. And look at these patients; in almost every instance they are the "incurables," so pronounced by the medical men who have turned them out to die. No honest investigator can get around these proofs.

## Would You Be Happy?

By Charles Edward Locke

THERE is a false theory advanced by some students of economics that discontent is the inspiration of progress. This is an error. Growth depends upon patient response to environment; moral and ethical development depend upon patiently extracting the best out of present surroundings, and gradually expanding into better conditions. The law of progress is by evolution.

If men would keep wrinkles out of their faces and furrows out of their brows, and burdens from their backs and worry from their hearts, like Paul they must learn to be contented. Notice that masterful Paul had to learn it, and so will most of us.

If we would enjoy perpetual youth we must be contented with our place in life. As Addison said, long ago: Contentment is the philosopher's stone which changes the dross of life into purest gold. It is very easy to imagine that others are more highly favored than ourselves; that other people's skies are bluer than our own. Contentment lines every cloud with silver and rims it with gold.

Wealth and affluence do not necessarily bring contentment. Large responsibilities come with wealth. Fashion introduces insidious distinctions and rivalries, so that it is stated by those who have had opportunities to know, that the greatest discontent is among the well-to-do classes. Franklin wrote, long since: "Money never made a man happy, nor will it. The more a man has the more he wants. Instead of filling a vacuum, it makes one. If it satisfies one want, it doubles and trebles that want another way."

Contentment leads to conviction, and conviction, according to Nevison Loraine, is character, and character is achievement. In the filthy mud of a London thoroughfare Ruskin found opals and sapphires and diamonds, and so in the ethics of daily living the jewels of virtue and character are found in the task faithfully discharged and in the burden bravely carried. In the struggle to use well our present talents there is an increase of our ability, and the surest way to larger accomplishments is by the persistent and patient use of our present gifts and opportunities.

The Christian religion has no mission in the world, unless it is adding to the happiness of mankind. Christianity is not meat and drink, not unbelief, not sectarian bitterness and denominational rivalry, but it is righteousness and peace and joy. It is godliness, and godliness with contentment is great gain. We have, perhaps, not emphasized too much what Christianity will do for a man in the eternal world, but it is certain that we have too little dwelt upon the mission of Christ to the swarming, wearied multitudes of earth. Christianity is for earth—for the battle and struggle of this life. If we win this life after Christ's plan we cannot lose the next life. Hence Christianity inculcates contentment.

## Courage

By Robert Mackay

COURAGE! Best of our joys and woes!  
E'en in the darkest hour of earthly ill,  
Ever undimmed, the welcome beacon glows,  
Throbs with each pulse, and beats with every thrill!  
Bright o'er the wasted scene thou hoverest still,  
Angel of comfort to the failing soul,  
Undaunted by the tempest wild and chill,  
Whose angry and disastrous billows roll,  
And taint what thou hast done with death and dole!

When sorrow rends the heart with feverish pain,  
And wrings hot drops of anguish from the brow,  
To soothe the soul, to cool the burning brain,  
Oh, who so welcome and so true as thou!  
The battle's blood-dimmed scene and angry glow—  
The death-encircled pillow of distress—  
The lonely moment of secluded woe—  
Alike thy guidance and thy worth confess,  
Alike thy valor and thy friendship bless.

There is a gracious Providence over us; never doubt that. The spirit of truth and of God is blowing around us like the wind, invisible, mysterious like the air. We cannot tell whence it comes or whither it goes. But it is coming and going evermore in all parts of the earth, in every human bosom.—W. H. Furness.

Within each human being is the eternal inner man of endless growth and eternal progression. This is the real persisting man—you. In a while you will fully realize this grand truth, and then you will be awake and will know the blessed joy of living always in the Blessed State—the eternal blissful state, at-one with God and a co-worker with the angels, the arch-angels and the seraphim. All souls, sooner or later, awake and reach the Blessed State. Are you trying to rouse your self and recognize and realize that you are the eternal inner man?

The central idea, the prime thought, of cultured Americans, is free speech, a free press, and free religion.—Dr. Peebles.



## The Way of Love

Extract from an article by Henrietta S. McVea in Mind

ARE we so blessedly pure in heart that we do actually see only God; that even the foolish, ignorant man is for us no more? If so, through this clarified vision, our brothers will catch a glimpse of themselves that will transform their consciousness and bring to them the perfect realization they could not have had if we had seen degradation, ignorance or suffering in them. We need not labor or agonize to change anything; we must only steadfastly and unwaveringly "see" the Self (myself and my brother's self, the world and life) as it is. To perceive divinely; to see things as they are—this is all the work we have to do. For through that perception of the Eternal alone, though we lift not our hand and breathe not to a soul, "whereas I was blind, now I see," our brothers also will be quickened to see the vision of the Perfect and know that they have ever been one with it. For, when Buddha "saw"—

"... in homes of men there spread  
An unknown peace. The slayer hid his knife;  
The robber laid his plunder back; the shroff  
Counted full tale of coins; all evil hearts  
Grew gentle, kind hearts gentler, as the balm  
Of that divinest Daybreak lightened Earth.  
Kings fierce at war called truce; the sick men leaped  
Laughing from beds of pain; the dying smiled—  
So glad the world was, though it wist not why.  
The Spirit of our Lord  
Lay potent upon man and bird and beast."

"Be peaceful and joyous, consecrate the simplest duties of every day, fill your life with earnest endeavor and perfect trust; and no matter how narrow and painful it may seem to you, when it is ended you will look back with wonder at the influence for good your quiet example and cheerful spirit have been."

Matter has its laws, but the laws of mind are stronger, and can overcome those of matter; and over all is Spirit, with its laws, breathing through mind and matter, and moulding them in its own likeness.—Selected.

Live as though life were earnest, and life will be so.—Emerson.

Are you sick and weary? Would you realize and actualize your ideals? Would you have perfect and permanent health here and now? Would you exist here and now in Peace, Power and Purpose and possess all the blessings of life? If you would have all blessings and live the life, as God intends you should do, then, beloved, fellowship with The Mystic Success Club. Read all about this great and blessed Club in another part of this issue of the Magazine. This Club is the great Psychic Power of this great age of Light to help man to realize the fulness and richness of Life now and forever after.

Read the many voluntary, convincing and positive letters or testimonies from members of The Mystic Success Club, printed elsewhere in this issue of the Magazine. These remarkable letters are spontaneous writings from the souls of many who have been quickly and permanently lifted from disease to health by the mystic power of the Eternal Spirit. It will be seen at a glance that these voluntary expressions are made in holy universal love, and clearly indicate the mighty power of this blessed Club to help all of its members to realize quickly and permanently new life, new hope and new courage. What a blessed work the great All Good has given this Club to do! All praise, all honor, all glory be to the All-Father-Mother of Being!

The great Mystic Adepts never experiment in leading their brothers to the Most High. In helping you to success they are guided solely and wholly in Love, by Universal Love. Their works speak more than words. Read some of the many letters or testimonies from the members of The Mystic Success Club, printed elsewhere in this issue of the Magazine.

## Friendship

A RUDDY drop of manly blood  
The surging sea outweighs;  
The world uncertain comes and goes,  
The lover rooted stays.  
I fancied he was fled,  
And, after many a year,  
Glowed unexhausted kindness,  
Like daily sunrise there.  
My careful heart was free again,  
O friend, my bosom said,  
Through thee alone the sky is arched,  
Through thee the rose is red;  
All things through thee take nobler form,  
And look beyond the earth.  
The mill-round of our fate appears  
A sun-path in thy worth.  
Me, too, thy nobleness has taught  
To master my despair;  
The fountains of my hidden life  
Are through thy Friendship fair.

—Emerson.

## Length of Life Steadily Growing

THE Mystic Success Club is teaching men and women how to live long, useful and blessed lives here. The following cable from London is of interest:

"Medical men are discussing a lecture by Professor Pfluger, of the University of Bonn, on longevity, in which he asserts that the average length of human life is steadily increasing. He maintains that one-third of all the deaths registered in Munich are due to heart disease, brought on by the immoderate use of beer, and that tobacco also claims a large percentage of the victims.

"Among forty centenarians who have come under his notice there was only one smoker, while nearly all professed to a moderate use of alcohol.

"What Professor Pfluger most seriously warns people against is the thought and fear of death. The mind must be filled with aspirations and occupied, he says, in order to secure longevity. Hard-working men who retire rarely live much longer.

"The German census statistics show that in 1871 the centenarians numbered 147 men and 287 women, but in 1900 only five men and thirty women. As is well known, in Munich the consumption of beer per capita is greater than elsewhere in the world and the percentage of heart disease is higher.

"Beer has a worse influence on the heart than either wine or whisky. Tobacco is better borne by adults and the aged than by youth. No youth should be allowed to smoke before the age of twenty-one. Wine has been said to be the milk of old age; it should not be used until past the noon of life.

"That the German census shows a reduction of old men since the war with France is natural. The age of industrialism, of city life, of strain, of alcohol and of the venereal diseases, with increase of 'tabes dorsalis' and general paresis, is the present age of Germany, as it is of the United States. Only the sedate and the temperate in all things can expect length of days."

There is nothing so cold, harsh and cruel as an ignorant mind—a closed, bigoted, intolerant mind. Are you an aspiring, sensitive soul, surrounded by ignorant, intolerant, fanatical people who think all ways are wrong but their way? If you are, be patient; project silent love toward your unkind friends; join The Mystic Success Club, and you will either win or change all who would dominate you, or else change your place of abode for a much better and more harmonious place. Never tell a bigoted or ignorant person with whom you are associated any of your plans. Your thoughts, your plans, your ways are sacred to you. The great Ancient Mystic Secret is given in the Four Degrees of The Mystic Success Club.

"O Thou, by whatever sign  
Or name we call,  
The Infinite, the Divine,  
The Soul of the All,

"I pray that Thy spirit pure  
May fill my heart;  
That I may be strong to endure  
And bear my part;

"That love and trust for aye  
May imbue my mind;  
That I may be shown the way  
To help mankind;

"That I may be satisfied  
My place to fill;  
That I may my hour abide  
And do Thy will;

"That I may be made to see  
And choose the best;  
And, after it all, in Thee  
That I may rest."

## Travels and Visits at 103

MRS. HUNT, BROOKLYN CENTENARIAN, MAKES HER ANNUAL JOURNEY TO MERIDEN

ALL spiritual-minded people vibrate with Life, Energy and Activity and hold the body in health, force and happiness for great periods. The Mystic Success Club teaches this. Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt, of Brooklyn, 103 years old, a spiritual-minded woman, recently arrived in Meriden, Conn., on her annual visit to her granddaughter, Mrs. F. W. Hoeman. With her came Mrs. W. E. Greene and Mrs. W. F. Wickes, granddaughters from Brooklyn. She stood the journey well.

She is able to get about without assistance and to receive and make calls. Mrs. Hunt looks forward eagerly every year to her visit here and enjoys immensely meeting her descendants, who arrange a family picnic in her honor.

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# The Kingdom Within

By WILLIAM E. TOWNE

Written Especially for  
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"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."—*St. Matthew.*

THE kingdom of God, or Good, as I understand it, is not something external to ourselves; neither is it a material kingdom. Jesus taught that the kingdom of heaven was *within*. And this has been the teaching of the wise men, Mystics and Seers from the earliest days of mankind.

He who seeks and finds the kingdom within will indeed have "all other things added unto him," for he will have found the *mystic key* to eternal life and happiness and peace and joy.

Now, do not drop this Magazine with the idea that I am talking about something so occult, mysterious and far away that the common mind cannot grasp it. In reality, this kingdom of Good is very near at hand and the road that leads to it is very easy of access. Indeed, it is because Truth is so very simple that people fail to grasp it.

The first step toward finding this glorious kingdom within is an earnest desire to come into harmony with the Law of God, or Good, a desire and willingness to know the truth and *live* it. As a general thing we are only willing to know and live the truth up to a certain point. Beyond that point we refuse to give up our pet habits or prejudices for the sake of further progress. But in order to know the kingdom within fully we must be willing to give up *wholly* the personal, mortal self, and let the divine self rule us. By this means we assume right relations with the universe as a whole. We come under the influence of the law of order and harmony, and begin to express more of it in our lives. Friction and discord are dispersed by our attitude of non-resistance. We "become as little children" in our willingness to learn. We cultivate faith in the Law of Good, and follow the leading of the Spirit without fear or doubt.

You come into the kingdom of harmony and peace when you have learned to cast out fear and doubt by faith. You cannot get rid of fear and doubt by resistance or through affirmation. You can only get rid of them for good and all by going into the silence and waiting for faith to grow. Trust in the Spirit and seek for truth and you will surely find it. "Seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Stop living in the emotions and the world of sense. The knowledge of the kingdom cannot come to you while you are wholly absorbed in the sense or material life, in the mad rush for pleasure or money or fame. You become hypnotized in your seeking for these things and the vibrations of truth cannot penetrate your atmosphere. Your personal atmosphere needs to become clarified before you can catch even a glimpse of the kingdom within.

As a stream will purify itself while flowing a certain distance if not polluted anew, so your body and personal atmosphere will be purified by the soul if you will cultivate passivity and still your mortal mind and the clamor of the senses for a time.

Once the law of truth becomes thoroughly rooted and established in your consciousness, the process of purification will go on until complete regeneration is attained. The process may take years for its completion, but the seed of truth, once it starts to grow, will go forward to fruition.

Recognize the unity of all life. This will help you to be non-resistant and to have faith that all the forces of the universe are working for your upliftment instead of against you. Let go of the personal self and be still. There is nothing to fear, for you are a part of the Whole.

When you begin to realize the grand truth of Unity, and to see that you are really a part of the Blessed Whole, you will find that the forces which once seemed to oppose you are now lifting you into a higher and better condition. On every hand you will find unexpected help and assistance, just as soon as you have fully let go the personal mortal self. You will see that sickness, pain, poverty, death itself are your servants and friends instead of your enemies. You will see that back of them lies the mighty power of Eternal Spirit, which is forever working for your own best good. Pain, sickness, poverty are only stepping-stones on your journey. They are designed to teach you needed lessons and to induce you to let go of the personal self and turn to the All. They will disappear as soon as your life is blended with the whole. They have no existence of themselves and no power over the soul that has seen its oneness with God, and thus come into a realization of the blessed kingdom within.

In order to fully understand and realize the kingdom within you must make it your *first* consideration in life. You must allow no worldly considerations to crowd out your communing with the Spirit. You must daily seek the blessed silence. You need not withdraw from useful occupation in the world to accomplish this. You need not be-

come an inmate of some monastery or live apart from your kind. You can learn to turn your thoughts to the silence, if necessary, when you are surrounded by the rush and turmoil of the objective life, although it is always better, especially for a beginner who is seeking the mystic way to the kingdom within, to be alone for a period each day.

The pleasures and enjoyments of the senses should not be allowed to become your one aim in life. If you live too much in the material and seek only material pleasures, the spiritual faculties become entirely hidden. Even the love of home and family must not become the all in all of your existence if you are seeking the inner kingdom.

To live the universal life you must become unattached to material things. This alone can bring freedom and power. Jesus emphasized the necessity for non-attachment when He said: "Except a man hate his father and mother and wife and children and sisters and brethren, he cannot be My disciple." By "hate" he meant to love less; that is, the life of the Spirit should be paramount.

The kingdom within is not ruled by the mind or brain. The real king sitting on his throne is the Eternal Soul. Do not go to the intellect for enlightenment. The intellect is the instrument of the soul. Do not waste time, effort and energy in severe mental striving. Instead, become passive and listen for the impulses which spring from the soul.

The soul manifests at the centre of physical being, in the region known as the solar plexus. When you begin to come into the kingdom you will feel a peace and quiet at this centre; also a feeling of freedom and a sense of the radiation of power and harmony to every part of your own body, and also to other people and to the whole universe.

To sum up once more the simple steps necessary to find the kingdom: First, you must desire earnestly to know the truth and then become passive and non-resistant, open to the impulses of the Spirit and free from prejudice. In other words, you must become childlike and full of faith. Then seek the silence and listen for the voice of the soul.

You will find the way a long one perchance, but be faithful—faith—FULL—loving, patient, and you shall enter into a knowledge of the Blessed Kingdom of Light.

May the knowledge of this kingdom soon be yours.

## SAYINGS OF BROTHER ANANDA

**M**AN is an eternal spirit through which eternal omnipresent Spirit acts, to a more or less degree: depending upon how much of the animal or human mind and will man has surrendered to God—to Divine Mind and Will; the more spiritual a man is the more and greater is his power and peace: he who gives up *all* animal or human mind and will to the great God of Love becomes more than man: such a man becomes Christed, is at-one with God, and very near to perfect omnipotence; is a Master Adept.

Spirit is the only eternal universal Silent Simple Power in the Universe: all mental expressions of power are subsidiary or partial, and not full and complete, nor eternal and universal: the mind is a mere instrument, the best instrument man has, but it is ever changing: SPIRIT IS ETERNAL AND CHANGELESS. Man can live in the body with little or no mental power or consciousness, but he cannot exist in the body one instant without Spiritual Power.

All Thought methods for advancement are excellent on their plane of action; but this is not the real and most high plane of life. The Spiritual plane is the simplest and highest plane and says "take no thought." All man is asked to do is to love and seek God with his soul and his heart, and *not with his head*, and then all understanding, all knowledge, all wisdom, and all peace and power will be added. And, beloved, this is the simple and divine way to truth and freedom, and the only Way to know that knowing which ALL is known. There can be no lasting peace and power in mental schemes of salvation: they all fail, sooner or later: no one can *think* himself into the Kingdom: the Kingdom is won by love from the soul and heart only.

How shall a man reach the Kingdom? By love, and giving up entirely self-will; through fervent love of God and the All: by perfect non-attachment and non-resistance: by knowing and realizing the supremacy of righteousness: by *living* truth and not merely *thinking* about it and merely *believing* in

it: by *silently* loving so intently, so fervently and so persistently that all the weeds of self will wither and die from lack of nourishment: under the eternal blazing Sun of Love, no weeds of selfishness, anger or hatred can exist, they are withered and burnt by the consuming fire of Love. To reach the Kingdom we must lose or give up the little, personal, self-seeking life.

To the strenuous self-seeking man cometh countless temptations continuously, and sooner or later he succumbs to one, many, and all of them and sinketh into oblivion. The loving sane man, with the power and dignity of gentleness, calmness and quiet righteousness, is never shaken nor disturbed, and is the mighty man whom all men love and seek as their leader. Oh, the might of meekness and righteousness! "The silent mountain bends not to the fiercest storm, but it shields the fledgling and the lamb; and though all men tread upon it, yet it protects them, and bears them up upon its deathless bosom. . . . As glorious as the mountain in its silent might is the divine man in his silent Meekness." Life is not for strenuous strife; it is for great power to *do* and *achieve* for the good of the All and for Supreme Conquest of the low and base.

The human mind can never hope to overcome the Divine Mind. Listen to the Voice through a great soul: "The man who conquers another by force is strong; the man who conquers himself by Meekness is mighty. He who conquers another by force will himself likewise be conquered; he who conquers himself by Meekness will never be overthrown, for the human cannot overcome the divine." Oh, beloved, that which is real is simple and meek and cannot perish. And the Voice, through Ananda, saith live only with the Abiding Changeless Real and know the bliss, peace and power of Heavenly Life: the first step on the Path of Eternal Bliss is in loving Meekness—the Heart of all life, all things.

The righteous man is the powerful man! He is fearless and unashamed! He looks his brother in the face! "The righteous man is invincible!" Nothing can overcome and confound him. He is the mighty holy mystic adept who careth not for name or fame—only for love, service, work, integrity and holiness. "How can he fear any who wrongs none." O children of God, your brother, the simple and meek Ananda, who loveth you and All, and seeketh not your praise, and hideth away from you, not that he is ashamed, but that ye may only hear the Voice through him, will not deceive you, and the Voice repeateth, "The righteous man is invincible!"

O beloved, dost thou suffer? Come, go alone into the Silent Place and let the Silent Comforter comfort thee: the Voice will tell thee, "Seek only Me and Righteousness, and be forever stilled and comforted." And, beloved, know once and for all time this blessed truth: "The suffering, the sorrowing, the weary, and broken-hearted ever seek a sorrowless refuge, a haven of perpetual peace. Let such fly to the refuge of the righteous life; let them come now and enter the haven of the sinless state, for sorrow cannot overtake the righteous; suffering cannot reach him who does not waste in self-seeking his spiritual substance; and he cannot be afflicted by weariness and unrest whose heart is at peace with all." And, the blessed Voice, through Ananda, saith, Come, suffering brother, fellowship with us in The Mystic Success Club: we can help thee to the right and bright life here, now and forever.

And now, beloved, your brother Ananda, saith: "I am Eternal Love: I am the seen and the Unseen, the perceived and the perceiver: I am Perfect Love: I am the moulding, sustaining, protecting, simple and perfecting Power and Force immanent in all things animate and inanimate." Oh, how great is Love! It is the Heart of the Universe! Love and Peace be with thee! ANANDA.

## Be Practical

You have influence. Unconsciously you are influencing people every minute of every day with your thoughts. Influence derived from position in life is nothing compared to the power you have in your thought world.

Begin by looking out from within for a moment. Are your thoughts cheerful or gloomy and dull? You can make your mental attitude toward the world such as will have the power, the influence or the force to strengthen and uplift.

BE PRACTICAL  
Are you really unfortunate or are you merely temporarily discouraged? Is it really absence of faith and ability, or presence of pessimism?

BE PRACTICAL  
The very fact that Honesty is the standard is shown in the alacrity with which the imitator dons the advertisers' clothes. It is in itself the greatest compliment paid to Honesty or to Originality.

BE PRACTICAL  
Thoughts are forces. Each creates of its kind. Each comes back later with the effect that corresponds to itself and of which it is the cause.

BE PRACTICAL  
Aim high—and if at first you don't succeed, aim still higher.



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## "LET THERE BE LIGHT"

### "Home of the Soul"

"I WILL sing you a song of that beautiful land,  
The far-away home of the Soul,  
Where no storms ever beat on the glittering  
strand,  
While the years of eternity roll.

"Oh, that home of the Soul in my visions and  
dreams,  
Its bright jasper walls I can see,  
Till I fancy but thinly the veil intervenes  
Between the fair city and me.

"Oh, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land,  
So free from all sorrow and pain,  
With songs on our lips and with harps in our  
hands,  
To meet one another again."

I wish I could picture to your spiritual vision a desert land, a barren waste, then picture to you that same land when man has brought from a near-by mountain a living stream of water. First, the land was the abode of death. Then that same land became a land flowing with milk and honey, and every man sat under his own vine and fig tree. It seems to me that very few of the members of "The Mystic Healing Circle" realize how great a work they can do by sending me words to publish, words that will cause the desert to blossom. Though you may live in the quiet valley, or among the mountains, or on the distant prairie, or the islands of the sea, you may send me words that will go round the world. Words whose melody of vibration shall touch and harmonize the heart and soul of some brother searching for light. Words that shall be a life-line to one tossed by the breakers; placing his feet (understanding) upon the Eternal Rock (Truth). Words that shall live forever and meet you as Stars in your Crown of rejoicing when you reach "the far-away home of the Soul."

"I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me." "Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?" "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Matt. xxv, 36, 37, 39, 40.

Isaiah xxxv, 1: The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall grass be with reeds and rushes.

And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for those; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

### Gives Name and Address

OMAHA, NEB., January 19, 1904.

Mystic No. 12: Dear Brother—I will gladly let you print my letter with my name and address. With sincere gratitude,

MINNIE JENSEN,  
2023 Sherman Avenue.

### "There is No Limit to My Gratitude"

OMAHA, NEB., January 5, 1904.

Mystic No. 12: Dear Brother—I thank you ever so much for sending me the printed message, "Let there be Light," and also for surrounding me with Mystic Healing Vibrations for many months. Dear brother, I feel so grateful, there is no limit to my gratitude. I cannot tell you how much good you have done me spiritually, mentally and physically. I am continually improving. I am "getting well." Please find inclosed one dollar for another month's treatment. Yours sincerely,

MINNIE JENSEN,  
2023 Sherman Avenue.

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."—Matt. v, 14-18.

### Has Followed Instructions

NEW ORLEANS, LA., January 23, 1904.

Dear Mystic No. 12—I address you again to tell of the wonderful improvement in my health since my first letter to you and then following out instructions given me, for which I am truly grateful. Sincerely,

E. T.

JANUARY 17, 1904.

Dear Brother Mystic No. 12—I will say in part I have never been so peaceful and happy in my life as I have been since coming in The Healing Circle in the vibrations. I have prayed to the All-Father-Mother to quiet and calm my restless mind, and to let flow into my whole being more love, more truth, more light, more faith; and God has answered my prayer. May the beacon light—THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES—reach every fireside. It opens the way to life, eternal love and peace to you all.

MRS. HELEN LORRETT,  
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### "One Year Ago I was only a Shadow of My Former Self"

Dear Mystic Brother No. 12—One year ago I was only a shadow of my former self, not weighing over one hundred pounds.

While lying on a bed of sickness, could not use either hand, both arms being broken, and with heart trouble, so that frequently it would palpitate for from eight to thirty hours without rest; and often when it would become quiet it would begin skipping beats, until it would seem that it would never beat again. Twice I was given up for dead. Whether it was caused by the heart trouble or broken bones, all the nails came off my fingers. Now for the cure. One day, while looking at some of the periodicals our people used to send to us, I saw the advertisement of THE NEW YORK MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and it attracted my attention, and I wished to see a number, and became so much interested that my husband subscribed for it for the very reason that it was the first thing that I had seemed to have any interest in for a number of days. The first number brought its words of cheer and hope. Its "I can and I will" impressed me in this way: "That will encourage some poor soul that is not so near the change from this life to the passing over the river of life to the great beyond, but not for me."

Through the perseverance of my dear husband bringing sentences from THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and the sayings of some of the Mystics, I slowly but surely began to take on new life. I am now able to do my own housework, and spend a great share of my time caring for the sick. I now weigh over 160 pounds.

Returning health makes me feel as if I must say something to encourage the sick and despondent, and for that reason alone I have taken this liberty, and feel that if anything I can say will encourage one despairing soul to take courage it will make me very happy. For if it is in the power of outside influences to raise one that was so low as I was, I know there are many poor souls that can be helped by the aid of the special treatment of our Mystic Adept Spiritual Healer, and hope all sufferers seeing the "How We Help the Sick" will not doubt, but immediately put themselves in touch with the healing vibrations; then, trusting in God, their restoration is assured. Yes, dear brother, I am growing in health. Your sister in the love of God, and His goodness,

QUEENIE M. WHEAT,  
Moab, Utah.

This testimony of Mrs. Wheat was first published June, 1903.

### "Whereas I was Blind, Now I See"

"A MODERN MIRACLE"

Mystic No. 12—To the readers not only of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, but of every paper and magazine in this broad world, do I write of what to me is a modern miracle. "Whereas I was blind, now I see."

I cannot tell you how much that means to me, who was totally blind in spirit and a complete nervous wreck in body. Examined by physicians and declared past help, I knew and realized the condition I was in, but was utterly powerless to help myself—only God and myself knew what I suffered.

When by the merest accident (as I thought then), but really by an interposition of our Father, God—who loves us all, and was, oh! so merciful to me—I obtained a copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and almost the first thing I read was "How We Help the Sick." I read, but was incredulous. But I said to myself: "It is the last hope. If it does me no good it will do me no harm." I wrote to Mystic No. 12, telling him just how I was, and begged of him to help me, if possible. And from the very moment I received his first letter I began to get better. I cannot do the justice to him and THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES I would like to.

In two months' time I was like a new person. In four months' time I was feeling perfectly well, and not only doing my own housework, but even my own washing—something I had not done in five years. And now, after seven months' treatment, I feel like a young girl. I walk to the post office and home again every Saturday forenoon without feeling the least fatigue, and it is five miles from our farm, making a ten-mile walk. Is it not wonderful? And during all that time, remember, I have never taken one spoonful of drugs of any kind.

Then, too, I get THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES every month, and read and study it well, for it has taught me what life is and how to live right. It opened my spiritual as well as my material eyes. Do you wonder, then, at what I say? "Whereas I was blind, now I see again." I have no words at my command with which to thank the Father of us all, that through those holy Adepts I was healed of my disease, both spiritually and bodily, and brought into the Light. If there are any doubting ones, let them write me and I will verify every word I have written.

MRS. MARY E. BARDEAU.

When Mrs. Bardeau's words were first published, her address was Hawthorne, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Bardeau have since moved to Hines, Douglas County, Wis. Mrs. Bardeau has received and answered many letters. When writing to Mrs. Bardeau, please inclose a two-cent stamp for reply.

### God is Helping Me

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., January 21, 1904.

Dear Mystic No. 12—I am trying to help myself, and God is helping me. I am feeling better and my husband is improving. Thanks for your wonderful love and that of my Father. May God bless you a hundredfold.

MRS. C.

### Received Almost Instant Relief

To Mystic No. 12—I wrote you a month ago in reference to my sister, Mary, who received almost instant relief from her severe suffering. I think she will write you more definitely concerning herself. With many blessings for yourself and suffering humanity, who I would like to heal as with the touch of magic through love.

Yours,

E.

Beloved, be active Members of The Mystic Healing Circle. Send in words of cheer. Send in the story of healing. Let your light shine. Let me print your name and address, "that the world may believe."

### I Feel Like I am a New Man

Mystic No. 12: Dear Brother—I received your letters and I am very much pleased and surprised. I had the rheumatism so bad that I could not sleep at night, and as soon as I received your printed letters the first night I slept for ten hours without a wake. And also I sleep every night fair. That is something I never had for a long time. I was so discouraged over my sickness that I thought I never would get well. Now I feel like I am a new man.

Respectfully your Brother,

A. SPELLMAN,  
Hastings, Neb.

### Eyesight Much Improved

JANUARY 14, 1904.

God bless you, Dear Brother No. 12. It is not quite four weeks since you began to treat me for my side and eyesight. They are both much improved—especially my eyesight. My general health is also improved. Please find inclosed one dollar for another month's treatment. With love,

K.



## SAYINGS OF THE BLISSFUL PROPHET

Observations on Eternal Life, Specially Written for  
The Magazine of Mysteries

"That which exists is one: Sages call it variously."  
—Rig-Veda, I. 164, 46.

### INVOCATION

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, grant me understanding, knowledge and wisdom to write here words of Truth, Love and Hope. O blessed guardian angel! I ask thee for Light from the Angel Spheres, and may my guides and controls guard my mind and hand, that nothing but the Truth may be written. All for the glory of God, the Holy Spirit and the Holy Angels. Amen.



IVEKANANDA, an eternal and universal teacher, said each spirit (each being), is eternal; you, beloved, are eternal; each soul is potentially Divine.

And your goal, and my goal, and the goal of all is the same—infinite perfection—oneness with God.

"The goal is to manifest this divinity within, by controlling Nature, external and internal," by becoming spiritualized and

letting the eternal omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent Spirit have full and complete control of the human mind and will—the animal mind and will.

This is the most difficult thing for man to do—to completely surrender, in love (not fear), his human or carnal mind and will to Divine Mind and Will; hence all the woe and suffering in this great and blessed world.

In surrender of the animal mind and will to Divine Mind and Will man really makes the greatest victory in life, and becomes eternally free from all disease, all worry, all apprehension, all negative states and influences; indeed, he becomes the great God-man, the powerful Christed man.

It is both the crucifixion and resurrection, this killing the human mind and human will and rising up or ascending into Divine Mind and Divine Will.

This is the whole and the all of religion: speculations, studies, books, doctrines, dogmas, forms, rituals, books, churches are but secondary or incidental preliminaries or means: we must give up all that is dear to us (our illusions of the power of mortal mind and will) to gain all that is eternal and priceless.

We must live with God and the Angels instead of merely believing in God and the Angels: we must do and achieve and serve and work and create as well as adore and worship.

So every great God-man, who is always a man of eternal and universal love and compassion and with infinite power, says to his brother, the only Way to Life and Freedom is in surrender to God, in absolute non-resistance and non-attachment.

You, beloved, may try and try all the other ways and you will not reach the blessed state of eternal peace, power and bliss.

The blessed Jesus hath told you this truth: Lord Buddha did the same, but not in the clear simple way that the later Master did: Jesus used but few words, that any child could understand.

What greater teaching ever came to this world than these blessed words of truth—"Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?"

For your heavenly Father knoweth ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

The Holy Mystics take these words as blessed words of truth, and not as empty idle words, and live them, and God finds for them great and mighty works to do, in great abundance, and also gives them the Divine Power and Will to do them quickly in great joy, and without any wear, tear or fatigue.

Living in complete love, faith and trust without any thought, makes man the great Master Adept in a great multiplicity of works; he ceases to be the mere thinker, idler and dreamer; he becomes the knower, the doer, the Master. When we know and do not have to think how, when, where and what to do, we are the great freed Masters of the world.

God needs man, and man needs God: God needs us all for great and tremendous works, and when we come to Him in simple, pure and fervent love and humility and willingness and cheerfulness He will keep us very, very busy in the most profitable and pleasing kinds of work: this is the truth, and if you

go into the Silence of your own soul the Silent Voice will tell you it is the absolute truth.

The animal mind always labors under the illusion and delusion that a righteous, non-resistant and non-attached man cannot cope with the world, when exactly the reverse is the truth; it is the unrighteous, self-willed man that makes of life strenuous strife and really accomplishes but very little. "He walks in the midst of the lions and tigers of selfish force"—he who is not led by God and the Angels.

It is the unsundered animal mind that makes man vain, proud, arrogant, selfish and withal weak and negative; such a man may attain to worldly wealth and name and a certain kind of cheap fame, but he is a cheap negative man and a sufferer; but subjecting his mind and will to God's Mind and Will he performs all his duties scrupulously and with sanity and dignity, and is a blessing and a benediction to himself and to All.

With the righteous or spiritualized mind our brains are changed from mere thinking and planning and scheming machines to blessed fine instruments to receive the vibrations of Love, Light, Life, Omniscience and Omnipotence, and thus all the great blessings of the Universe are added.

"All blessedness and peace and power inhere in, and spring from, their root-cause, Righteousness."

Oh, the blessedness of oneness with the great God!

"It is a full and all-embracing and eternal blessedness, complete and perfect in every department of life, for that which is morally and spiritually right is physically and materially right."

And such a man who has given up entirely his animal mind and will to God need make no affirmations or thought-pictures of "I can and I will," for he is forever free from such puerile thinking.

"Such a man is free, for he is freed from all mental schemes; free from all anxiety, worry, fear, despondency, all those mental disturbances which derive their vitality from the elements of self-will, and he lives in constant and eternal peace, power and joy, and this while living in the very midst of the competitive strife of the world. Yet, though walking in the midst of Hell, its flames fall back before and around him, so that not one hair of his head can be singed. Though he walks in the very midst of the lions of selfish force, for him their jaws are closed and their ferocity is subdued. Though

on every hand men are falling around him in the fierce battle of life, he falls not, neither is he dismayed, for no deadly bullet can reach him, no poisoned shaft can pierce the impenetrable armor of his righteousness. Having lost the little, personal self-seeking mind and will, which makes for suffering, anxiety, fear, doubt and want, he has found the illimitable, glorious, self-perfecting life of joy, peace, power and plenty."

Blessed is he who loves and works himself into the Kingdom and strives not to think or will himself there.

Blessed is he who gives up all his mind and will to God, for he shall have all blessings added.

### DOCTOR EXPLAINS

His Article in the Medical Magazine  
About Coffee.

One of the most famous medical publications in the United States is the "Alkaloidal Clinic" in a recent number of which an entertaining article on coffee by a progressive physician and surgeon is published. In explaining his position in the matter this physician recently said:

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# MOTHERHOOD

## PRENATAL DUTY



BELOVED wives and daughters of men, know this blessed truth, motherhood is the most sacred and divine blessing in the world.

O daughters of God, know this, that as thou thinkest and knowest of pre-natal influence so thou wilt bring into the world great and blessed children who will manifest your highest ideals.

Mrs. Mary Barbeau, a good and wise woman, in her great book on Motherhood and Prenatal Duty, among other things says:

The mother of Buddha, Prince of India, afterward the noted reformer, was an advanced thinker at a time when woman held neither social nor religious position, but was regarded as being on a level with the brute creation.

Although not allowed to express an idea or a single opinion, custom could not keep this woman from thinking. She saw her people oppressed, bowed down, in bondage, and her soul went out to them in deepest longing and sympathy. Day and night she pondered her high and noble thoughts until every heart-throb beat in unison with her one desire.

Ignorant of the law of prenatal influence, which now is beginning to be recognized universally, she yet lived to see her son Buddha exemplify her highest ideals. As this remarkable child grew in stature and wisdom day by day she recognized in him the identical thoughts which she had cherished before his birth.

Buddha's father and the members of his court, being unable to account for the position taken by the royal heir, speedily sought to change his views, but Buddha had no desire to be a ruler over his people; his only wish was to teach them how to help themselves, a help which was then, as now, and ever will be, the only kind worth giving or receiving.

The subject of prenatal influence is one of vital importance, and yet it is little understood. If mothers and fathers could but know their power to educate the unborn child how different would be the human race. Our children would not then be compelled to struggle through life, groping in the dark, committing one mistake after another, feeling their slow way from animalhood to divinity.

Every child coming into this world has the heaven-born right to be free, but the bondage of suffering seems to increase as time goes on, on account of the ignorance of the mother during the all-important period.

When woman rises to her true position in life, educated to an understanding of the all-powerful natural law, her power will be recognized by all, for she pre-eminently holds the key to the problem of life.

Two women received this education, and they brought forth the most wonderfully developed children the world has ever known—John the Baptist and Jesus of Nazareth. In Oriental history we read of Mary and Elizabeth as wandering to the mountain home of their illustrious teacher to learn of the new dispensation and become the instrument to the lives of the two who played so important a part in the history of the world. That these women were ideal mothers there is no doubt. They were chosen for this divine purpose on account of their purity of thought and spiritual training.

Appreciating the law of heredity, that the mother alone has the power to impart to the unborn child the thought she wishes to be manifested in that child, this law has been recognized in part throughout the ages.

Do we not see sickly mothers bring forth delicate and sickly children? Do we not also see children who have been marked by the mother's strong emotions, such as fright, surprise, disgust? Does it not, therefore, appear reasonable that if a mother can unconsciously impart conditions to her child which bring pain and sorrow to her heart she will, when enlightened, gladly impress the thought of health, happiness and goodness, which will bring joy to herself and to the one to be born of her?

Fathers need not think that the law pertaining to mothers relieves them of responsibility. On the contrary, it doubles their responsibility, as the mental condition of the mother depends almost entirely upon her husband's treatment of her during the period of gestation. It is man's duty at this special time to provide his wife with all the needs and comforts of life which lie within his power, and to show toward her the most tender, considerate care. He should seek to develop his noblest qualities of mind and heart, since the impression he makes upon the mother during this critical period will, through the mother, make its lasting imprint upon the child. Nothing so saddens and depresses a woman as the neglect and indifference of her husband at such a time as this.

If the mother has not the strength of character to impress her strong thoughts, the child is born under ordinary conditions, and drifts with the

masses, open to all the world's suggestions, and powerless to withstand their control.

Mothers in the lower walks of life bring forth children without any thought, just as do the animals. As soon as their children are old enough, they are put to work, without having been taught anything by their parents—who really are not to blame, as they cannot be expected to teach their children what they did not learn themselves—thus the poor, little, dwarfed minds have to pass through life's struggles, one generation ending in exactly the place where the previous one started. This inherited condition can be changed only by educating the mothers to an understanding of the natural prenatal law.

It cannot be denied that children born of a mother of advanced years are usually brighter and more talented than children born of younger mothers, and this fact is due to the knowledge gained by the mother's experience.

When mothers learn that they have the power to create not only the body but the mind and soul, that they can make their offspring what they wish them to be, they will no longer bring forth children in ignorance.

Several years ago the city of Boston was startled at the murder of a little girl by a boy of fifteen. At the trial the mother of this youth testified that during her pregnancy she took delight in watching her husband, who was a butcher, slaughter animals. In consequence, her boy had from his youngest years shown signs of this same barbarity. To-day somewhere in an Eastern prison this man is serving a life sentence for a crime for which his mother is accountable. This is only one case out of thousands where people are being punished, are serving sentences of imprisonment, are even being executed, for crimes for which mothers and fathers are responsible. Thus is literally verified the old prediction that the sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generations.

A New York mother, whose absorbing ambition was to be an actress, attended plays and operas unremittently during the period of her pregnancy, with the result that at an early age her boy personated the female characters whom his mother had wished to emulate. At three years of age this child would dress himself in his mother's skirts and sing and dance, keeping perfect time with the music, while every movement and gesture was of such grace and beauty that all thought he had acted on the stage. The mother, however, asserted that this was wholly on account of her constant attendance at the theatre and her passion for the stage before the child was born.

Had this boy personated male characters as well as female this illustration would not be so convincing, but he resented even being called a boy. Hosts of girls have wished they had been born boys, but this instance appears to be the only one on record where a boy wished to be a girl.

Another instance may be cited where a mother during the period of gestation became frightened at a runaway horse, and suddenly clasped her hands across the small of her back, where she felt a sharp pain. When a little son was born to her the small of his back was covered with coarse hair resembling that of a horse, and when this child became excited or angry he made a noise similar to the neighing of a horse.

We have often seen effeminate boys and coarse, masculine girls. This unnatural condition is caused by the mother's strong desire for the opposite sex of her child. It is too late to change the sex after conception has taken place, but sex may be determined at the time of conception if parents will inform themselves and pay attention to those things which are more important to the welfare of the race than are any other subjects in the world.

Stock raisers devote a great deal of time to the breeding of stock, having learned that they can improve upon animals and greatly increase their value, but how seldom has it occurred to them that they can improve upon human beings! Do they fear to usurp God's plans? When you enter their homes you find inferior children, for the parents have ignored the object-lessons in nature. It is self-evident that if one can improve upon the development of the animal and the vegetable world he can also improve upon the human.

These important matters must rest with the mother, for the thought she entertains during her critical period decides the momentous result.

A young married woman was spending a summer in the country with her relatives a few months prior to the birth of her first child. Unfortunately, she was in a very angry and unhappy mood at her prospective motherhood. She became hysterical, and she was so generally disagreeable that all her friends shunned her. When her baby girl was born the child behaved in the same way, crying and fretting continually, and the mother could get no rest day or night. Two years later this mother came to spend the summer with the same relatives. She again was pregnant, but her disposition was completely changed. She had seen the unhappy effect of her mood upon her first-born, and she was determined to develop the opposite conditions in the second. From the time of her conception she absolutely refused to recognize anything but harmony. She cultivated "the true, the good and the

beautiful." She would not allow a suggestion of ill-temper to come to her, but she held always in thought the ideal picture of what she desired her child to be; hence, when the second little stranger was ushered into this visible existence, he was the personification of goodness and beauty.

It may be said: "This is all very well, but we knew mothers who have brought forth children with dispositions just the opposite of those the mothers were manifesting at the time of conception and birth."

The reply is that only the deep impressions can be imparted to the child. Our passing, fleeting thoughts do not mean much to us; it is only the deep-seated, the concentrated thoughts, that are manifested or made visible. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

## TIMELY CALLING

### How the Pastor Saved a Life.

A man near Fort Gay, W. Va., made an entire failure in getting strength from the kind of food he ate, and not knowing that the trouble was with the food, kept on losing health until the doctors gave him up to die.

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By Helen  
Van-Anderson

**W**HY do I not grow more rapidly in the knowledge of Spirit? I seem to have come to a standstill.

So many are asking this question, so many feel discouraged because they see no answer. Yet there is growth, wherever there is an earnest, sincere heart, no matter what the seeming. There is not one moment in which you do not have experience of some kind and it brings to you that which adds to your knowledge and power. Study your experiences and compare the result as to your state of mind. See if you do not know more of life than you did before.

Study the effect of your words, also in your state of mind. The moment you say you have ceased to grow you retard the inflow of new thoughts which come with experiences. The avenues of your mind are shut and the consciousness remains focused to one set of ideas. This is what is called "getting into the rut."

There must always be a free circulation of beautiful thoughts, and an open, ready willingness to translate into action whatever is noble and helpful. This impels you not only to enjoy and revel in the inspiration but, being filled with it, to give freely and spontaneously to others. Can you possibly stagnate under this continuous activity?

But you say it is not under these conditions that you seem at a standstill. No, not often; yet there are times when, though you speak and act what you have proven true in the past, your action is perfunctory, lacking the warmth and radiance of love. Just here you begin to criticize and condemn yourself. Just here the avenues are closed. Just here the mental circulation ceases, and for a time indolence, indifference, discouragement reign. You are absorbing, however, even unconsciously, many new elements of knowledge, and in due time will enter another round of joyous activity. But the one thing above all which is important, we say again, is *be sincere*. Be true to yourself in every relation and you cannot but be true to all others. On this much depends, for your underlying motive and habits of life determine the trend and quality of your knowledge. Do you not see why the Master iterated and reiterated His words about love? Why He taught that to love God, your Father, and man, your brother, is the whole law? To love is to live, to live is to know, to know is to do. "Do the thing and you shall have the power." Pour out your love, your good wishes and good will upon those who despitefully use you. Pray for them, seek to do them good. It will not only be the means of a blessing given, but a blessing received. It will open the avenues within and without.

Apropos of this is the experience of a lady who told me of certain unpleasant conditions which involved the moral as well as material welfare of another with whom she was associated in business. The business was of such a nature that both were under the supervision of public officials, and the one concerned with my informant held a position of trust above her own.

I will let the latter tell the story in her own words: "I had been for a long time greatly annoyed by this woman's arrogance in presuming, as I called it, to dictate to me in matters which I could manage far better than she, and when for the third or fourth time I saw her come into the office intoxicated (although a casual observer would not have called it intoxication), and go about scolding the girls and others employed in the house, I felt really indignant, and considered seriously whether or not to report her. But something within urged me to wait, and, although I was sorely tried and greatly inconvenienced, my reflection that she was to be pitied and helped rather than punished kept me patient, and one day it came upon me that now, if I ever meant to practice the law of loving, was my opportunity. So, day after day, when I saw she was under the influence of liquor, I silently sent her my best thoughts and, no matter how much she annoyed me, I tried all the more to excuse and make things easy for her. To my surprise I found her getting better. Some days she had scarcely touched anything, and appeared to be trying to improve in her manners and general attitude to the rest of us. And so the time went on and in less than a year she was like another woman. She never knew, as far as I was concerned, what I had been thinking, nor how near I had come to making trouble for her by reporting what surely would have caused her to lose her position if the report had been made.

"Setting aside the good that had come to her, that which came to me was of infinite value. I found that the words, 'pray for them which despitefully use you,' had become alive to me. They were no longer mere word forms which only a god could live up to. They were for me to prove and after this experience I could say with authority, it is possible to live the teachings of Jesus, as well as admire them."

She gave valuable testimony concerning the law for each and all of us, did she not?

In recalling the light in her face as she spoke, and the deep earnestness of her words, I knew that she had found it "more blessed to give than to receive." The effort it had cost her to overlook the many annoyances to which she had been subjected, such as affronts given in the presence of others, duties unnecessarily thrust upon her, misunderstandings emphasized, countless small items made to assume great proportions, was worth more than all it cost when she found that the affronts finally lost their sting, the added duties brought out a power of adjustment she did not realize that she possessed before, the small things dwindled to nothing in comparison to the dignity with which at last she could meet them.

She had given a little time, good will and friendly thoughts. She had received the unspeakable and indescribable blessing of discovering power, grace and moral strength within her own being, which had never before been realized.

What did it matter, after all, whether the woman, or even the whole world, knew or not? Could the fact mean more than that she herself knew of this effort and its result?

If she had yielded to the impulse to "report" this one, true, she might have been freed from annoyances, might have had more time for the cultivation of spiritual gifts, but she also might have shut out of her life this blessed experience of helping an unfortunate sister, and finding the "gifts" she longed for already at hand.

If she had spent time and energy bewailing her lot of being subordinate to one not fitted to rule, she might also have said she had "ceased to grow" in spiritual knowledge, and, figuratively speaking, sat down to stagnate or remain in a rut. It may be one thing or it may be another as to what causes this standstill and consequent shutting of the mental and spiritual avenues, but be sure of this, dear hearts, it is always our privilege to turn away from self and its demands and live to scatter blessings for others. This is the one sure way by which we keep the channels open whereby the flowing streams and refreshing springs of love and sympathy shall cleanse and purify our hearts, and make holy and unselfish actions to spring up like flowers in the desert.

It may be the petty conditions in daily work and associations, it may be a cruel grief, it may be loss, or poverty, or sickness with which the yearning soul is faced in order that it may be tested to prove its strength and steadfastness, but as surely as it recognizes in any or all of these conditions a divinely given opportunity the crucial moment is over, the test passed, the larger outlook gained.

Each succeeding day will bring new opportunities and new victories, new buds of hope, new flowers of knowledge. What the wind and rain and forest are to the seed and the growing grain these trials of patience and storms of adversity are to the awakening soul.

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—Whittier.

How valuable is the present! Goethe said: "Hold fast to the living present. Every situation, nay, every moment is of infinite value. Live in the *Now* and the *Now* as fully as you can, breathing in the present life with its wonderful progress, if you would know joy and peace and bliss. It is thus we avoid the dry and dreary monotony of ordinary life, and it is thus "the spirit grows youthful as it grows in numbering years." To live is the highest aspiration. "To sit and winningly repine, is to rust." Awake! "Up—dare and do!" Seize on life, eternal life! Now and here is the time and place to live and do! Move on, press on! The song of Life never ceases.

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## Easter Tides and the Voices of the Resurrection

By JOHN P. COOKE

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THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES

THE Idea of the Resurrection, that is to say, the Ascension of nobler qualities from humbler or less worthy ones, of distinctly human qualities overcoming the thralldom of sense, of animality, the outer sense life and the lower propensities, is typified by the Easter Resurrection throughout all nature.

For our Beloved Mother Nature is the oldest and most eloquent eulogist of the Resurrection that we know. She preaches it with all the voices of the spring in all lands and in every clime. She preaches it in the bud that breaks its rugged sepulchre of bark and sits sweetly at the opening on the bare old trunk, smiling at the lower forms of life in the lichens or the mosses on the near-by branch or stone.

She preaches it in the young spring grass, lifting itself above the soaked and chilly ground, waving a humble welcome to the sombre skies. She preaches it in the white crocus and the early violet, in the azure hyacinth, the lovely ascension robes of the soil, transmuting the humbler forms of vegetation into glories fit for the Garden of God.

Ages upon ages before there was any Christ, or any churchly traditions, Races of men had their springtime festivals—the "May Days" of their time—when they celebrated with joy and noise and mirth the annual miracle, or the seeming miracle, of the Rising Sun God. There and then they celebrated the resurrection of the earth-life or the earth spirit from the cold wintry grave of its annual death.

We of to-day celebrate the rising of the Human Spirit from the grave of sensuality and propensity. Men of old sang of the resurrection of Nature and Sun Light. We would sing of the still nobler resurrection of men and angels.

We are apt to speak of Easter Day as if it were an event of twenty-four hours, but in truth it is a season. It is not a sudden or momentary transformation, but a tide in the affairs of Nature and of men.

The spring is often backward, slow in coming. Its weeks are full of sad and broken promises. The new life advances fitfully—as the earth spirit climbs to a soul in grass and flowers.

How often with our youths—our girls and boys—the promises of years seem broken! How to-day the mind puts forth the tender leaves of Hope, to-morrow blossoms. But the next day comes a frost, a chilling blast, and all the hopes are bitten by the cruel frost. The moral resurrection of man follows the analogy of Nature. It is a growth, not an event.

The new and ethical life advances slowly and fitfully, even with our dearest Darlings.

"Whom the Gods love die young;  
And those whose hearts are dry as summer's dust  
Burn to the socket."

What Hopes and Prayers of years are shattered when some tender spirit falls before temptation! What agonies for the mothering hearts! As with the outward nature, the springtide advances fitfully, contending with cold winds, dreary days, gusts of wintry rain, bitter snow flurries—with gleams of grudging sunshine darting ever and anon through rifts of dark, portentous clouds!

As Longfellow so vividly pictures it:

"The day is cold, and dark and dreary.  
It rains and the wind is never weary;  
The vine still clings to the mouldering wall,  
But at every gust the dead leaves fall,  
And the day is dark and dreary."

So is it, alas, how often! with the growing life of youth.

"The life is cold and dark and dreary;  
It rains and the wind is never weary;  
My thoughts still cling to the mouldering past,  
But the hopes of youth fall thick in the blast,  
And the days are dark and dreary."

So it is with the growth and unfoldment of the spiritual faculties and powers in man and woman. The mortal slowly puts on immortality. It is a slow growth, in many cases occupying ages; one incarnation after another.

We all know how the story is told of Jesus, in His spiritual reappearance to His followers. That which reappeared was a spiritual form and only apparent to developed spiritual perceptions—to anointed eyes.

The Spirit lingered awhile among its mortal associates, and, like the lantern of a traveler in the woods, flashed fitfully here and there, now throwing a ray in some dark corner or some upper chamber, now casting a trail of glory over an open space—then lost again by the turning of a woodland path, and at length fading away. It was a form palpable to the imagination, and is only reported by those who, in a state of trance or illumination, were caught up out of themselves.

Paul was the great Teacher of the Resurrection, and he taught that Jesus was the Spiritual man,

the heavenly Lord; as such He could not die. Death had no part in a sinless man. Death was the outcome of the carnal Adam, having no dominion over a sinless human being. That Jesus should rise from the dead was inevitable. The spiritual man must so rise, and none but the spiritual could. All who would rise from the dead must be spiritualized. There was no hope for others. Spirituality involves specific levity. Its attraction is upward.

All mankind was not destined to an immortality of felicity. The vast majority go to the shadowland, the dwellers wherein know nothing that deserves to be called Life. Theirs was a fading away into the outer darkness. They must be born again. The Divine tide of the spirit in its descent into matter is well illustrated by Mother Virtuzia in one of her "Circle of Light" spiritual talks. She said: "As the lily is within the bulb, so the Christ spirit is in each soul. The bulb must be planted in the earth before it can grow, and so the soul must descend into matter before it can unfold its powers and the Christ principle be born within each life. The lily bulb must send its roots downward before the life can burst its shell and push its way upward into the light, where the leaves grow and the bud is formed, and, under the warm rays of the sun, the bud unfolds and the beautiful lily comes forth. The analogy holds with man. The animal nature is the part that the soul must take root in, and it must be transmuted and go to build a temple for the soul to express through. As man begins to aspire for truth, and to know and love God, then is he preparing the soil for the soul to take root in; and, as we go on living the pure, loving life, man forms an atmosphere about him that helps to unfold and quicken the Christ-life within. As that is brought forth into expression, it manifests as love, peace, wisdom and unselfishness, and gives that peace which the world cannot give. It brings us health and eternal life; as the bulb is transmuted into the lily, so must this body and its senses be transmuted into the body of Christ." The grosser parts of the nature disappear, and the refined, spiritual nature rises, resurrected from the manger of the animal nature.

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# Spiritual Matter

By HORATIO W. DRESSER

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It is usually a mystery to those who for the first time hear the theory of the mental origin of disease expounded to know how there can be any connection between thought and disease. For they were not conscious of having thought themselves into disease. In fact, they consciously, eagerly desired health. Moreover, it is plain enough, so they argue, that disease is largely a physical affair. The mind may have something to do with the healing of disease. But how could thought actually give rise to physical disturbance? It is obviously absurd to say that one simply imagines one's illness. Disease is very real, and imagination alone is exceedingly light and airy in comparison with it.

Obviously, the critic is largely correct in all these judgments. No rational upholder of the mental healing theory believes that disease is due to the imagination. Nor is it maintained that people consciously think themselves into ill-health. It would be equally absurd to deny that disease is largely physical. To deny the physiological conditions of disease would be to adopt a very artificial way of thinking. The mental theory must win its way by admitting all the facts, or not at all. From the first, the rational mental healing devotees have acknowledged the physiological facts of disease. Rational mind cure thrives, not by denial but by understanding; it urges both the sick and the therapist to make sure that all the facts are taken into account. To understand the deeper facts is to see that there is a more intelligible way of escape from disease than by mere reliance upon medical methods. Hence one must really understand the more rational mental theory before passing judgment upon it; and the way to understand it is to test it in actual practice.

The mystery in regard to the connection between thought and matter begins to be cleared up when one discovers that mental activity is not limited to the highly conscious life but is intimately connected with the vast realm of subconscious life. In this deeper, more or less hidden part of our nature there is undoubtedly a close relation with the region which the investigators of the Society for Psychical Research denominate the "subliminal self." Hence the subconscious life is to be taken account of in telepathic and similar psychic experiences. It is also bound up with the organic life of the body, so that all actions known by physiologists as "automatic," as exemplifying "unconscious cerebration" come under this head. In short, our whole life is at any given moment subconscious except so far as certain feelings and thoughts arise from the subliminal realm into explicit consciousness. One cannot define the subconscious world except by inference, that is, in the light of that which develops out of it. But it is clear that it includes our organic life as surely as it partakes of psychic experiences. One cannot tell how far the organic life enters into the psychic experiences, since it is only the conscious resultants that are known. But as indefinite as our knowledge may be, it is clear that the notion of subconsciousness is a necessary factor in our thinking.

Such mental states as the reader's present concentration of attention on the subject now before us are typical of consciousness at its highest point. Besides these more acute mental states the reader is partially aware of varied perceptions of light, sound, heat or cold, certain organic activities, and the resistance offered by the most immediate physical surroundings. Disturbing mental states occasionally break into the reader's chosen line of thought, and the mind wanders off now and then, either away from the subject entirely or in search of corroborative and conflicting facts of experience. Each of these remembered experiences, long cherished in the great storehouse of the subconscious world, represents a more or less conscious relation to that world. When a judgment appeals to the mind as correct consciousness forthwith seizes more actively upon it and thereby gives a dynamic tendency to the subconscious after-effects. Just as like thoughts aggregate to form positive conscious beliefs, so the tendency of subconsciousness is undoubtedly to increase a mental state which the will has thus dynamically defined. But our more voluntary thinking is probably typical of our semi-conscious impulsive life. Any mental state that for the time being commands attention is likely to influence one's subconscious functioning. The fact that a train of thought plays havoc does not mean that the mind has intelligently chosen it. The prognostications and forebodings which we half-thoughtlessly permit ourselves to dwell upon may be as subconsciously potent as the most wisely chosen ideals. It is probably the power that is upon the occasion exerted, not the quality of the thought that is subconsciously effective. There seems to be no evidence that subconsciousness discriminates; it takes its clue from whatever absorbs the mind. A fear may therefore be as readily developed subconsciously

as may an inspiration. Out from the deeper part of us our ideas are all the time emerging more potent than they entered it. New habits of thought and conduct are all the time being formed in this way. If the results are now desirable and now undesirable, no one may rightly blame subconsciousness. Only by carefully guarding all one's thinking, and all one's feelings as well, may one hope to eliminate the undesirable. No one could ask for a better illustration of subconscious functioning than the growth of an exceedingly troublesome morbid or painful mental state out of a comparatively insignificant sensation of pain which the mind was foolishly allowed to harbor.

P. P. Quimby, the pioneer mental healer, hit upon the happy characterization of the intermediate state in the subconscious realm as "spiritual matter," an expression which seems exceedingly obscure at first, but which is in reality a very convenient figure of speech. For, according to his perception of the subconscious activities of a patient Mr. Quimby learned that the mind in its assimilative state is rather like substance, fertile and responsive to energy impressed upon it, than like conscious processes in general. By the statement, "Mind is matter," Mr. Quimby did not mean that materialism is true, for he held the idealistic theory of matter; but that thoughts take definite shape like seeds and germinate in the favorable soil of our deeper life. Thoughts were still of a "spiritual" character, yet through their germinal activity they gave shape to the substance of the body. Mr. Quimby's keen insight revealed many processes in the life of suffering humanity which were subconscious to the sufferers. Hence he proposed a theory to fit the facts, a theory which was intended to explain the deeper conditions of disease, not the obvious conditions or effects of the inner states. When, therefore, he spoke of disease as an "error," as due to "false reasoning," he had in mind the entire subconscious train of sequences which I have above mentioned. Obviously, the entire theory in question is put in a different light if one understands that it is the intermediate region between the mental and the physiological that is to be taken into account. The superficial conclusions which people draw when told that disease is mentally originated show that they have not yet caught the drift of the new theory. To see the deeper drift of investigation is to begin to understand what Mr. Quimby meant when he said that it was possible to erect a "new science of life" on these discoveries.

A great soul is never injured: it is only the pride of the mind or self that feels that is injured. The obliterating of the idea of injuries from the mind is one of the blessed beginnings in Wisdom. When the heart is purified and the mind is enlightened, by Spirit, there are no injuries. "For it is only pride and self that can be injured and wounded by the actions and attitudes of others; and he who takes pride and self out of his heart can never think the thought, 'I have been injured by another,' or, 'I have been wronged by another.'" He who takes impurity out of his own heart cannot resent it or resist it in other hearts. The pure in heart loves All beings.

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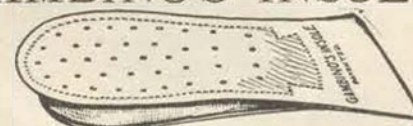
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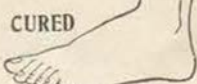
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**A** PAIL of water gave James J. Hill to the United States.

The particulars are in this story, gathered from the lips of men who knew the subject of this sketch before the world knew him. Then he was plain "Jim Hill," tree chopper and rail splitter. Now he is President James J. Hill, railway and steamship president, owner and multi-millionaire. Then he was unknown beyond the confines of his county. His reputation to-day is bounded only by the limits of civilization. The detailed facts which teach a wholesome lesson for the young men of America are told for the first time here:

The scene now is laid in a wood. Crash!

A tree was prostrate while the echoes of its falling sounded through the hills. The scene was in Canada, in the township of Eramosa, in the county of Wellington, ten miles north of the city of Guelph. The time was winter, the year 1858.

The man who felled the tree pulled back his cap to cool his brow.

"Boys," he said, as he stood beside the fallen tree, "I am tired of chopping trees and splitting rails. There is something more in life than this."

"Be careful, Jim; choppin's pretty sure."

"You're right," echoed the third.

The first speaker was James J. Hill, to-day president of the Great Northern Railway and president of the Northern Securities Company, and one of the largest employers of labor in the world. The second speaker was his brother, Mr. A. S. D. Hill, still on a farm near the old home. The third was Mr. Harris, manager of the Northern Branch Coal Yard, of the Elias Rogers Coal Company, Toronto, Canada. Here they stood near Nature's heart all on a level. The chums of childhood, they were the fellow-workmen of riper years.

Opening his coat Mr. Hill read from a well-worn paper, which bore the headlines:

"Splendid chances for young men in the West." Then he buttoned the paper beneath the homespun and the work went on. He had often read it before. Two were satisfied to let well enough alone. The other was not.

Now they are as far apart as the poles.

The story reads like a romance.

The pictorial effects tell much.

James J. Hill was born ten and a half miles east of Guelph, in the county town of Wellington, in 1837. His father was a farmer who was poor. Hill knew the pangs of want well. He had close acquaintance with the wolf. The birthplace is in ruins now. Through the chinks in the roof Hill from his bed often saw the moon sail by. The windows of this home are gone now. Its crevices are wider still, its floor is wrecked and rotten. The pewee builds in the ledge over the fireplace long since deserted. The ground hog has made his home far beneath the rotten floor, the winds of winter sough drearily and the snow falls silently, a carpet of spotless white for the home Jim Hill once loved.

Strange contrast to the palace of the railway prince in St. Paul.

Hill was a dreamer at school. But he always woke to action. He stood at the head of his class in mathematics. He commenced to look for causes when young and created them. He did not bother about results. They came. Hill as a youth was an enthusiastic ornithologist. Did time allow he would be the same to-day. His chums, Harris and his brother, did the work, under his supervision, climbed the trees, fought off the hawks and lesser birds and secured the eggs. But somehow or other James J. Hill always got these eggs. He was a practical mystic even in boyhood. Witness the same trait to-day.

James J. Hill received his education at Rockwood school. He saw no university save that of adversity. Could you borrow the secret of entrance and walk through the naked old halls long since deserted, wipe the dust from one seat, and you will read the words carved deep:

"Jim Hill."

The president of the Northern Securities Company carved these letters, and William Wetherald, the master, called him to his private room soon after.

"Hill, did you cut your name in a desk in the class-room?"

"Yes, sir."

"Remove your coat."

Wetherald was a little man, and his cat-o'-nine-tails was merciless. Thus James J. Hill learned for

the first and last time that the schoolmaster's gad, like the scorpion, had a sting in its tail. The blows were cruel ones, and he bore the marks for days.

But Mr. Hill did not forget his old schoolmaster as he rose in wealth and power. In later years an autograph letter came to the village of Rockwood from the railway magnate, reading:

DEAR MR. WETHERALD:

Would you not like to take a trip to Winnipeg with me accompanied by your wife and son? Enclosed are the tickets for St. Paul and a slight check for incidental expenses.

JAMES J. HILL.

The check was for \$500.

Mr. Hill took his former teacher, now bent by the touch of the years, and used him as one prince would use another. The party went to Winnipeg. Mr. Hill was a director on the Canadian Pacific Railway then and Sir William Van Horne the newly elected president. Taking Mr. Wetherald unexpectedly into the board-room of the directors of the road and placing one arm on the shoulder of the old school-teacher, the magnate said: "Gentlemen, this is the gentleman who taught me in Rockwood school, and it is to him I owe what little scholarship I possess." When the old man died, and when they rested him in the Rockwood cemetery, a special train left St. Paul and ran across the continent to Rockwood. With hat lifted, and in the centre of a crowd of yeomanry, James J. Hill stood watching the remains lowered to their narrow home.

He bore no spite for the flogging of earlier years.

Samuel J. Wetherald, a son of the teacher, to-day has a position of trust at the head offices in St. Paul.

Mr. Hill left school to work in a store at Rockwood. Rockwood had a population of 700 then. It has the same number of souls within its borders to-day. The proprietor of the shop was Robert Pasmore, a tradesman of the old school. The salary was \$2 a week and board. The hours were from five in the morning till eight at night. When not behind the counter Hill chopped wood or milked.

A chance nod and Thomas Edison, telegraph operator, allowed a train to pass his station at St. Mary's, a small town in Western Ontario, and a slight collision occurred.

St. Mary's lost Edison, the telegraph operator, and the world was given Edison, the wizard.

The world might have lost J. J. Hill but for a pail of water. Never before has this fact appeared in print, and it comes from the lips of one who knows the magnate as a brother. A horse trader rode up to the store where Hill was working, and throwing the bridle over the animal's head left it and went inside. The young man brought out a pail, and going to the well drew a bucketful, and gave the trader's horse a drink. The action was unsolicited, and it pleased the trader.

As he mounted to go he handed Hill a New York newspaper. Any paper was scarce in those early days, and a New York paper was a genuine rarity. That night in his room over the store Jim Hill read in the largest type of the time:

"Splendid Chances for Young Men in the West."

A glowing account of the prosperity westward followed. The fire was kindled, and the young man whose opportunities to pull aside the veil hiding the outer world were few carried the paper with him till it became unreadable.

Thus one pail of water—one paper—one King of Finance.

James J. Hill borrowed money from a farmer friend near his old Ontario home to secure funds to leave for Syracuse, N. Y. He worked there a while before going West. In later years he sent back \$5,000 to the friend who had loaned him \$10 for his ticket. That friend was James J. Fairview, now dead. If he were living there are few gifts in Hill's power that he could not secure for the asking.

"Be careful, Jim; choppin's pretty sure."

To his brother who gave him this careful advice he sent \$15,000 to buy a farm.

To his sister in Eramosa he sent a check for a like amount, sent also for the purchase of a farm.

The forest has disappeared where Jim Hill swung the axe. Instead of the silence of the wood is the grain of autumn dancing to the song of the binder, the stubble of fall tuned to the chirp of the cricket and the mantle of white in the winter.

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# "KNOW THYSELF"

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PLUTARCH tells us that there were two sentences inscribed upon the Delphic oracle, hugely accommodated to the usages of man's life: "Know thyself," and "Nothing too much;" and that upon these all other precepts are dependent. He ascribes the first of these sayings to Plato. It has also been attributed to Pythagoras, Chilo, Thales, Socrates and others. In fact, the precept was regarded as so sacred and fundamental that Juvenal (Satire, xi, 27) says that it descended from heaven. Pope and others, in modern times, have repeated and enforced this nugget of wisdom in graphic terms.

But instead of heeding these deliverances of some of the greatest of human minds the great majority of men have studied almost everything else more than themselves. It is true that in an important department of human pursuit they have studied their bodies, but very little careful thought has been bestowed upon themselves.

A sharp line of demarcation needs to be drawn between introspection in the ordinary sense and a vital and discriminating self-knowledge. The former concerns itself with an attempt to scan the more superficial feelings, passions and relations which belong to the emotional nature, especially in its inharmonious moods and states of consciousness. Not recognizing the deeper selfhood and the power of idealism, it dwells mainly upon what is merely phenomenal and often morbid. Thus, through the creative potency of thought, wrongly directed, the transitory and unreal are accentuated and become ruling. They need to be corrected and sweetened by an intelligent and constructive spirituality. The external husk of things is taken for the starting-point and thus disorderly states of consciousness prevail and finally express themselves in physical derangement. Surface indications seem attractive, but the vital warm undercurrents which are native to the inmost selfhood are choked for want of sympathetic guidance. Forces and impulses, which are divinely right in themselves, through misdirection become adverse. Thought, which is inherently creative of conditions, is lured into inharmonious mazes, until it finally becomes enslaved by its own productions.

Everyone needs an inner revelation of his life and nature. He may imagine himself to be sitting in a gallery, looking down and making a careful survey of his various mental processes and psychical currents. But to lose himself in these would be unwholesome introspection. In a way, they must be kept secondary and subordinate. He is to be as much their moulder and ruler as if they were actually outside of him. He may note their relation, trend and outcome. He may even experiment with his own consciousness profitably. He is aware, for instance, that love in the abstract is harmonizing and uplifting, but perhaps just now nothing is calling it out. Let him resort to an assembly of his fellow-men, seat himself for a half-hour, and consciously suggest to himself love toward each one of these individuals specifically. Then let him note the exact psychological effect upon his consciousness and he will learn something from this and any similar experiment. We need not wait for the slow-moving opportunities of the future to bring our abstract knowledge into concrete exercise. It is possible to live it within ourselves and study its output from a secure vantage ground. In such a way one may exercise the muscles of his spiritual nature in a veritable gymnasium. He gradually finds that to think love is to create it and to put it into active exercise. One may thus round out his spiritually lean places with unusual facility. Such a growth will be solid and from within rather than an uncertain and mechanical accretion from the outside.

With the great majority conscious being is superficial. Existence may be defined mostly as a conventional routine, a convenient policy, following in a well-worn groove. Like a shallow, noisy stream, it runs along with no clear, still depths, and is all unaware of possessing any unlimited reservation. It is oblivious to the vital laws and more profound forces of its own being. Not realizing his inner normal

realism, man's life becomes mainly a dream of sense, an excursion through a wilderness of objective appearances. If one fails to make the acquaintance of the roots and springs of his deeper nature he will be unable to understand causative forces and lack that fuller revelation upon which depends happiness and progress.

The rigid outline of finished opinion, dogmatic conclusion and a closed revelation is impenetrable to the delicate intuitive beams of Truth. "Except ye become as little children" the kingdom of heaven cannot set up its reign within you. Literalism and intellectual self-sufficiency bar out that range of spiritual perception which only can perceive the truths of being in its purity. The "unpardonable sin" spoken of in the Bible is only the closed door toward the Spirit of Truth. It is unforgivable because self-imposed conditions make it so. Open the door and the difficulty dissolves. If the divine and the human be allowed to mingle they become one, and spiritual evolution makes progress. A new consciousness is gained through which man can interpret himself.

The supreme necessity is that one must become aware of his own intrinsic divinity. Human nature has mistakenly diagnosed itself as inherently sinful, and thus sin has overspread the whole horizon. Many are utterly unable to interpret their own unrest and disorder. A friendly hand must hold a torch to enable them to make an exploration. They are really struggling to get free from themselves, but the conflict is hidden. In the vain effort to find release they seek a change of outward environment, and go to the ends of the earth hoping for relief. Mistaking effects for causes, they really are estranged from their vital counterpart of the inner selfhood. They have the potential resources of heaven and earth stored up within, but know not how to utilize them.

If men do not know themselves it follows that they do not know each other. The individuality, which might be openly expressive, is concealed behind the forms of slavish conventions and prevailing worldly policies. The divinity at the soul centre is thus repressed and out of sight. A tyrannous, even though unwritten, social code chills the tendrils of affection and congeals the warm life currents. Each person wears an armor of formality which is practically impenetrable. For years men may meet and hold converse about the weather, the club, the latest novel, politics and neighboring delinquencies, and yet be mutual strangers.

Bearing in mind that the law of love is the basic principle of being, it seems strange that it requires some great calamity, peril or distress to melt away human frigidity. Some dire mutual experience, and often nothing less, may effectually shatter the polished armor. A great and unexpected compensation of this kind often arises out of trouble and misfortune. Under such conditions the unity of man emerges and kinship and even solidarity is clearly revealed.

To truly know one's inmost self is to know God. We may theorize and speculate about an objective Deity, but understanding comes only through inner spiritual union. Only that soul can know God which has a divine sample within itself. That is the same Son, or Christ, which had full and free expression through the historic Jesus. The "lo, here!" and "lo, there!" of an external quest will never find satisfaction, for its rambling search is for that which is already within.

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In reading a book that is very promising at the start, that holds out great possibilities of knowledge, whose author professes to show you the way to both temporal and spiritual power, whose pages are supposed to unlock all the secrets of Self-Mastery and Right Living, there is nothing so unpleasant as to find in the last pages that the long-looked-for secrets are withheld.

I have been thinking for a long time of putting these facts before the readers of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, of giving them the benefit of my experience in the search for knowledge, for, like many others, I have wondered if there were a reason for keeping the earnest seeker after truth in ignorance, or whether the average writer on this great subject was not himself in possession of the facts.

There is a Sacred Promise to all who wish to learn that they shall possess the promised power, the greatest of all powers, that of successful living, and yet so far as the ordinary mind can see few possess it. There are, however, some great masters who are able and willing to initiate those prepared to find the truth. In the past few years a great deal has been said on the wonders performed by the students of the rudimentary sciences known as Hypnotism, Personal Magnetism, Magnetic Healing and the like. Hindoo fakirs have been looked upon as supernatural beings, and yet the things which they do and which surprise us so much are childish when compared with the possibilities of the higher knowledge of the Hidden Forces. Once this knowledge is acquired, we have at our command the most vital energy, the most magnetic power, to attract and to compel, to make ourselves masters, to conquer fate; in short, we have at our command the wildest elements known to mankind. That these things are possible is obvious, for we have the direct promise, "And greater things shall ye do as I go to the Father."

Believing that all the readers of this Magazine are earnest seekers after the truth, I want to call their attention to a book of infinite wisdom which recently came to my attention. It is called, "Self-Development and the Hidden Forces," and is published by the Brooks Library of Science, 93 E. Building, Rochester, N. Y. As I am acquainted with the superintendent of the Brooks Library, I have arranged so that any reader of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES can obtain a copy of this book, free of all charge, provided they mention the fact that they read this article in this publication.

The teachings found in this concise work will enlarge one's horizon and prove beyond any possible doubt that they who seek shall find. If you are waiting for opportunity to knock at your door, wait no longer, for it is here. If you are hoping to gain everlasting fame, health, supremacy and the subtle power that made the ancient mystics invincible, I advise you to write for this book at once. If you follow its teachings it will do you infinite good. It will put you beyond the pale of failure, and will enable you to make life what you wish. If you wish a copy, a letter addressed to the Brooks Library of Science, 93 E. Building, Rochester, N. Y., will bring it to you without charge.

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**B**LESSINGS upon thee, my Beloved! Hast thou come into the Temple with singing this beautiful day?

Nay? Thou art grieved of heart and broken in spirit? Wherefore, child of My tender love? Ah, thou hast been living as the burden bearer for others. Thou hast borne responsibility for those near and dear to thee, and thy heart is wrung with anguish because they are not as thou wouldst have them.

Know this, Beloved. Each and every soul that passeth through the valley of mortal life must walk upon his own feet and compass the journey of experience alone. If he shrink and cower through fear, if he turn from the path to play in the garden of pleasure, if he refuseth to bear his own garments or crieth out to be released from the necessities of the journey, it is not for thee to step forth and say: "I will live for him while he passeth through this dark valley, I will go before him to shield him from the storms that beat in his face, I will lay my hand upon his heart to still its fear, I will provide pleasures for him that he may not be tempted to turn to the fateful gardens, I will carry his heavy garments and do all to meet the stern necessities." Nay, nay, O tender but foolish Heart! this thou canst not do, yet 'tis this thou hast sought to do.

And for this thy heart faileth, thy tears fall and thine eyes are heavy.

O my Child, world-weary and blind, cease now thy plaint of yearning sadness. This, thy son, for whom thou hast wrought and suffered, is Mine, above thine. He is as the apple of Mine eye. Thinkest thou I am not tender with him as with thee? Thinkest thou my love is not poured out as a light upon his path and a radiant sun for his eyes to gaze upon?

Aye, know I not that which is beyond thy knowing, that in the days the long, numberless eons that I have set apart in which he may take this journey through the valley of mortality, know I not that if he refuseth one day he will come with willingness the next, if he turneth aside for pleasure he will at last find the sting of the thorn beneath the rose of delights, know I not that all these conditions thou callest hard are the seeming foes I have placed in his pathway in order that he may prove them friends by his subjection of them?

When he was a babe in thine arms and thy mother-heart beat quick with ardent fondness didst thou not teach him, when the time came, to walk by letting him try the strength of his feet, didst thou not oft put obstacles in his way that he might with childish prowess conquer them? Thou didst not need that I should tell thee, then, he must stand alone, must lift his feet and walk apart from thee. Nay, thine eyes could tell thee how he might through all the years be weak and helpless leaning upon thee for all that body might require, if he were not pushed forth, even as the mother bird pusheth her birdling out of the nest.

Canst see now how 'tis I, the Father and Protector of both thee and him, who maketh the necessity and the condition wherewith it can be met, who layeth out the path for the feet, and placeth the bright eyes in the heavens that they may shine upon the earth.

O Child, dear unto me as thou art, can I help thee or thine better than to let thee find thine own strength, thine own power and thine own will, knowing that only by thy finding thou canst traverse the valley of mortality and gain at last the mountain whereon thou shalt be transfigured, and know that thy strength, power, will—yea, all thy human equipments are—Mine first and last, and that, though mortal in thee, they are immortal in me?

This is the destiny of every soul in mortal guise, this the pathway back to Me. Why, then, not trust my Love to bring my children home e'en as it sends them forth?

Herein, my heart's Beloved, doth lie the mighty difference 'twixt thy love and Mine. Thine hath in it the smoke from self's delusions, Mine the clear white light of Love that knoweth not Self in any

shape or form, yet in thy daily Temple talks with Me, thou shalt see and feel at last the emergence of thy light with Mine until the smoke goeth forth and out, dispelled forever. Then shalt thou love as I, seeing the end from the beginning, the good beyond the seeming evil, the light that shineth ever in the darkness, though the darkness comprehendeth it not.

And when this day cometh, O child, thou shalt be wise and thine eyes will glow with beams from that most holy Altar light which burneth in thee throughout the eons of the Great Forever.

Then shalt thou cease from sighings and cryings for thy nearest and dearest. Thou shalt e'en know so well the law that thou shalt not dare hold e'en before thy mind the picture of the downfall or the evil ways of those for whom thy heart yearneth. Thou wilt not, e'en in prayer, portray their sufferings or their deviations lest thou bring upon them the fateful power of thy words. For this, Child, is the inevitable necessity; that the Power maketh havoc as well as harmony, precipitateth the thing feared, or bringeth to pass the thing desired. The secret lieth wholly in the use. Perverted, misdirected, this my Power bringeth evil. Thy fear, mistrust, despairing doubt or yearning anguish, doth pervert. Thy trust, thy faith, serene and perfect as a guileless child's, doth ever call forth only good, and thus make perfect all thy thought creations.

Recall the Temple words of One thou callest Master. *Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter therein.*

This Kingdom, child of my Heart, is my Kingdom of the Absolute Good; to receive it as a little child is to accept it without sight or apparent possession, with the faith of the child who doubts not nor questions, but with trust accepts and enjoys whatsoever is given, e'en when he seeth not. To enter this wondrous kingdom is to enter the realm of infinite and unchanging harmony, where the one law is Order, supreme, complete, perfect. To abide in it is to remain conscious each moment of the divine Order which breaketh not nor can be broken.

Where then the sigh, the tear, the anguished prayer? Gone forever the impulse which sent them forth or the distorted vision thy unchildlike mind did conjure up.

Once again the clouds doth break, thy mind like the placid waters of a moonlit sea doth catch the image of my thought to thee. Thou art satisfied anew to be my Child in heart as well as in name. I see thee breathing joyously. Thou art revived, and thy courage, like a stream from mountain heights, doth bear thy prayers most swiftly to the white-winged ships that sail on the sea of Destiny.

Seest my meaning in this figure? These ships, Beloved, are thy sons, thy daughters, thy friends and all the family of Brothers whom thy love doth compass. Thy thoughts and prayers doth freight them for the journey. Is it not meet thou shouldst learn this lesson well?

With what vast import is each word, in this fair morning's sacred converse, fraught thou canst well imagine when thy mind reflected all the light inherent in my Temple thoughts. I have discoursed with thee on much that beareth seed for life immortal. Lose it not, nor let thy memory grow careless. E'en as a garden ploughed and planted shall thy heart become, and every seed dropped upon its soil find root and grow to leaf and stalk and flower and fruit.

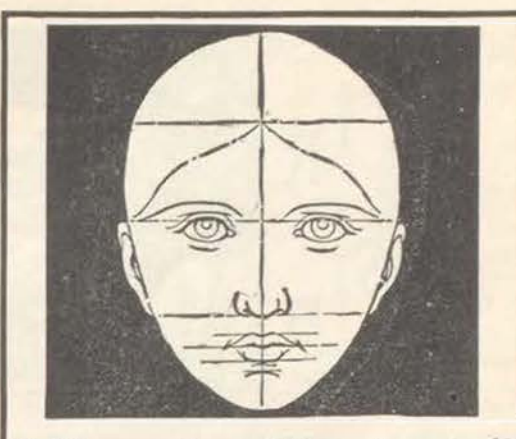
Only keep thou turned to Me, O child, as the earth turneth to the Sun, and so shalt thou be warmed and thy seeds fructified and thy garden watered with the waters that fail not.

Rest thee with joy, and go forth with psalms of praise, for I am ever thine and thou art Mine.

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Can you imagine anything grander, nobler, sweeter, purer than a real home—a happy blessed home?

Imagine a cosy country or village house somewhere near a large city, amidst or near the trees and meadows, by the side of a babbling brook, a rolling river or a beautiful beach where the great ocean rolls in and out with its ceaseless tides.

Think of a house with a large veranda, extensive grounds—more or less; pure air, a pure well or spring, and plenty of sunshine. No bellowing cars, no whistling locomotives, no smoky factories, but a quiet—perfect quiet in the atmosphere—quiet everywhere. A real lover's paradise!

And then imagine within that cosy home two hearts that beat to the tune of each other. Two hearts—aye, not two, for it is quite one—one in desire, one in aspiration, one in wish, one in love and thought; one immense unexplored and unexplorable infinite Sea of Love—these two hearts are! Truly, an immortal spirit, incarcerated in two prison houses.

And a group of children there too, with their chatter and prattle and sunshine—Oh, what blessings these little angels bring into the home.

Not far distant there is all the din and turmoil of a great city. Near and yet far. There strife and struggle, hatred, malice, fear, doubt, vice; here peace, harmony and melody, love, virtue, hope, courage and benevolence. Such is the abode of ideal home life and ideal people—a Christian home of pure and great thought and noble aspirations. A home where God and the Angels dwell. Not only a home and fireside of Romeo and Juliet but of Cola, Rienzi and Nana, Napoleon and Josephine, of Goethe, Voltaire, Emerson and everything truly great. That is where Truth, Thought and Divine Wisdom dwell; where Aspiration rears its lofty columns, where the thread of life is spinning into the web of immortal and eternal joy—the nectar of the gods and angels.

And music! A home cannot be complete and perfect without the arts, especially music. Blessed is that home in which songs of gladness are heard and the vibrations of musical instruments are felt.

Sweet Home is like a castle upon the mountain peak. We gaze from its summit. The world lies unfurled below with all its fury of struggle and strife—with all its din of the battlefield. Here it is quiet and peaceful; here all is rest and joy. Even the noise from below is inaudible. We are alone and silent on the top. Mists, dismal, heavy with loads of darkness and hail, drift by but they bother us not. Free from care and worry of the world here we repose, warm in the embrace of Love, Light, Simplicity, brightened by the smiles of Home, on the tender bosom of exalted Thought in all its majesty of Peace. This is the joy of living and a true one.

And this is the Home that God wills that each of us shall have; and it is only our own perverse will that keeps us out of such a home—keeps us from creating such a blessed fireside. We love the spectacular and strenuous strife more than we do the quiet and elegant and dignified life.

The Joy of Living is living with God, a pure, simple, righteous and useful life; man finds plenty to do for himself and the All in such a home as we picture.

### Be Kind to Each Other

Be kind to each other; the night's coming on,  
When friend and when brother perchance may be gone.

Then, midst our dejection; how sweet to have earned  
The blest recollection of kindness returned!  
When day hath departed, and memory keeps  
Her watch, broken-hearted, where all she loved sleeps.

Let falsehood assail not, nor envy disprove;  
Let trifles prevail not against those we love.  
Nor change with to-morrow, should fortune take wing,

But the greater the sorrow, the closer yet cling.  
Be kind to each other; the night's come on,  
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### Occult Powers



OCCULT POWERS, when attained in the right way, the Mystic Way, give man tremendous power to make life blessed.

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Occultism or Occult and Psychic Science, in a simple yet eternal way, is an explanation of all the "Mysteries of Life."

There are hidden and unforeseen forces which can both help and retard our progress; man must be very careful that he does not "play" with these forces, which are all-powerful; he must attain them and use them with love, intelligence, understanding and wisdom.

We must have nothing to do with Black Magic; most of the systems of occultism which are extensively advertised nowadays are purely of the school of Black Magic, and are very dangerous for the uninitiated.

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Our work is in countless lines to help humanity; this work, with this Magazine, is only one of endless works.

We are working in all parts of this blessed world in a great multiplicity of works, and are perfectly non-attached to either this Magazine or this Club; and yet we shall do all we can for both, and all its subscribers and members.

So, beloved, we have but one Guide and One Master—the great and blessed God.

And we speak only words of truth to you, because we love you and desire to serve you without name, fame, pay or glory, and that is the reason we must always remain unknown to you, beloved.

Even our beloved brothers, the publishers and owner of this Magazine, do not know us fully, and by Divine Law will not be permitted to do so.

In an occult and psychic way we Mystics know who to select to print and give wide circulation to the truths the Spirit speaketh through us.

We can assure you, in the Name of our blessed FATHER, that all the work pertaining to The Mystic Success Club is under the guidance and direction of One greater than we.

And right here be it known we are simple, loving children of God, with absolutely no will or mind of our own; we are simple children of One Eternal Loving Father, and our only prayer is that His Will be done, and not our will.

Like our blessed Jesus, THE MASTER, we earnestly strive to live in non-resistance and non-attachment, and as we thus live we have power.

We are simple and primitive and yet most progressive, believing in health, prosperity, peace and plenty for All; we live in neither the Old nor New Thought, but in the Eternal and Universal Truth—Love—God.

And so, beloved, if you desire to know about True Occult and Psychic Powers, come and fellowship and vibrate with us in the Eternal White Light.

Do as Jesus said, become as a little child, and have love and faith and trust, and no carnal or mortal thought, and all the Powers, seen and unseen, will be added to thee.

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**P**OPULAR conceptions are representative of crudeness of thought and therefore of comparative error. They contain a kernel of truth, but express a mediocre interpretation of wisdom. At best, they represent the average intelligence of a community.

The beauty of humility and of self-sacrifice are popular misconceptions that tend to keep the race in mental and physical bondage. They are fostered by theological interpretations which are calculated to accentuate and sustain them.

A popular ideal is an ideal for others to attain; very few believe it possible for themselves. In general, it is regarded not only as impossible of attainment, but also as impracticable and impractical. A Saviour or a God may attain to it, but not a human being, unless it be someone divinely appointed or elected for that purpose.

That ideals are unattainable, and that the practical and the ideal are divided by an impassable gulf, are popular conceptions. And the more nearly unattainable or impossible an ideal the more popular it is. From the New Thought standpoint, all ideals are practicable and practical. All ideals may be manifested, and ever the tendency is in that direction.

The basis of the New Thought is the conception of the Unity of life. It regards all life as One. When any manifestation is affected all manifestations are affected, when any is elevated all are elevated, and when any is degraded all are degraded.

As a river is inseparable from the ocean in which it originates, from out of which it comes and into which it flows, so the individual Self is inseparable from the Universal Self. Through its relation to the Universal each individual Self is related to every other individual Self.

One can give only what he has, and he must absorb before he may radiate. He must receive before he may give. Involution precedes evolution, while one must obtain a surplus before he can distribute it.

All growth or development is along the line of Self-completion. Each individual is Self-creative, in the sense that he directs and guides the operation of the Principle of Life. Each lives his own life and determines his relation to all else. No one can live for another or carry the burdens of another.

Inherently all life is a Unit, and the elevation of one manifestation elevates all. In no other sense can one elevate another. Each must elevate himself. The elevation of one enables others better to elevate themselves.

Self-completion results from a life of expression, and expression is a giving out. The life of expression is conducive to Self-development, while at the same time it is a life of service. One develops only as he gives out, for only as he gives can he receive. The welfare of the Self and of others is identical.

A distinction is made usually between devotion to Self and service to others, but when a true conception of the Self—the Soul—is entertained it will be seen that the two are one. All growth, development or unfoldment is from within, and all development is Self-development.

The true viewpoint of the Self is the Universal. It is not consideration of the Self that denotes selfishness as distinguished from unselfishness. Selfishness is the consideration of the Self as a manifestation separate and apart from all others. Unselfishness is the consideration of the Self as a Soul, inherently united with and inseparable from all others.

There is but one possible point of view for each individual—that of the Self. All differences lie entirely in one's understanding of the inclusiveness or exclusiveness of the Self. To conceive the Self as a form exclusive of other forms is a conception of selfishness and separation. Considering the Self as an Individual Being, inseparably related to the Universal Being, is a conception of unselfishness and unity.

When one concerns himself with others to the exclusion of the Self he degrades the Self, and thus degrades others. When one exalts others at the expense of Self, similarly he degrades both the Self and others. In degrading the Self one lowers others, and in elevating the Self he exalts others.

A belief in the necessity or even possibility of helping others at the expense of the Self, or a belief that they are separate from the Self, reveals a conception of duality. The belief in the necessity and inevitability of helping others through helping the Self reveals the conception of unity and inseparability.

The Self and others are developed through relation to the Universal. As one generates the consciousness increasingly of love, power, strength, peace, this consciousness radiates for the benefit of all. And one who is in vibratory sympathy with it cannot escape its healing and uplifting power.

One does not assist others through "sacrificing"

the Self. When one sacrifices he wastes his divine heritage. When one sacrifices he throws away and fails to take advantage of his gifts and privileges. He evidences conceptions of error and ignorance, and must reap what he sows.

One Soul is as important as any other Soul, and the Self is as much entitled to consideration as any other individual. Therefore, no one has any more right to degrade the Self than to degrade another. The exaltation of the Self is as noble an aim as the exaltation of any other Soul.

Giving is not necessarily "sacrifice." Giving is not necessarily "unselfishness." Giving does not ignore the Self. Giving is the necessary prelude to receiving; and, by reason of this, is absolutely essential to individual expression, growth, development or unfoldment. Giving wisely is a devotion to the highest interests of the Self, and it is the most direct path to Self-completion.

One receives what he lacks through giving. The life that gives wisely and continuously receives wisely and continuously; for there is an endless chain, or continuous current, of expression and impression. The noblest altruism is, at the same time, the noblest egoism.

Self-integrity is an essential of Self-development and Self-completion. Whatever impairs that integrity is detrimental to the Self, and therefore to all. There is an Infinite Source of supply, but the individual need and demand are always limited, and none can receive more than he is able to demand. The unfailing source and unlimited supply are of use or benefit to the individual only to the extent that he is prepared to draw upon them.

The voices of love and of wisdom demand that each individual conserve that which is essential to his integrity. It is through wise conservation that one may prolong or perpetuate his giving capacity. One may continue to give only as he continues to receive, and when he gives ignorantly or unwisely temporarily he loses the ability to receive.

When one gives ignorantly he receives ignorantly, and thus reaps the harvest of ignorance. One's supply is not replenished immediately when he wastes his substance. Nature places a premium on wisdom, and not on ignorance. To throw away what one has, to dissipate one's energies or to scatter one's forces requires no wisdom.

One supplies the needs of others from his own surplus by giving wisely; in giving what may be dispensed with beneficially by the Self as well as what may be received advantageously by others. Unwise giving impels others to degrade themselves, and thus their growth is retarded. Through giving unwise selfishness and discord are promoted in others, and the Self must pay the penalty of its ignorance and error.

Wisdom recognizes a limit to giving. It dictates the disposition of one's surplus and the conservation of one's capital, or that which is essential to the welfare of the Self. And the welfare of the Self is the welfare of the race. One's deprivation is the deprivation of all; one's exhaustion leads to the exhaustion of all; one's uplift assists in the uplift of all.

The thoughts, the messages and the aspirations one gives to others are what he represents. If one is ignorant he cannot send forth vibrations of wisdom, and if exhausted he cannot send forth thoughts of strength.

If one exhausts himself for the assumed benefit of another he exhausts himself to the detriment of the race. If one impoverish himself for the supposed advantage of another he impoverishes himself to the disadvantage of all humanity. And this universal influence affects injuriously the very individual in whose behalf the action is taken.

The mere disposal of what one has will not insure an equivalent return, nor does it evidence a life of love or service. Enslaving others by one's gifts is neither an evidence nor the result of wisdom on his part. The conception of the inherent beauty of unrestrained giving satisfies the popular mind, for it is superficial and meets the requirements of the average emotional intelligence.

It is no easy matter to give or to conserve wisely. It is the supreme problem of life, and to solve it to the best advantage demands unceasing devotion and the highest wisdom. When one gives wisely he conserves wisely. When one knows what he may part with advantageously, and where it may be bestowed most beneficially, he is able to insure the receipt of that which he lacks and requires. Giving and receiving are reciprocal always; ignorance is allied with ignorance and wisdom with wisdom.

The Self is the supreme factor, irrespective of one's ignorance or wisdom, and the point of view depends entirely upon the conception of the Self. Self-development or Self-unfoldment is accomplished by means of Self-expression. This is of equal importance to the Self and others. The life

of love, or the life of service, is the life that loves and serves the Self while it loves and serves others.

The life of love or the life of service is the life that accumulates freely and wisely, and that distributes as freely and as wisely. Without prior accumulation there can be no distribution. Wise conservation results in wise accumulation. One's income decreases as soon as his capital is impaired. And continual inroads upon his capital lead to the complete cessation of income, and finally to the entire loss of capital. On the highest plane of wisdom, the life of love, of service, of receiving and giving wisely insures the integrity of the Self, and assists to promote the integrity of all others.

One Soul may offer to another the impulse or suggestion which shall fruit in Self-expression. One Soul may suggest to another, but each Soul determines its receptivity and the use and purpose to which it shall put the suggestions.

One does not always benefit others by making gifts, bestowing alms, giving money, transferring property or otherwise materially assisting them. By many it is considered a kindness to save others from the consequences of their ignorance or error; but usually this involves a repetition of similar experiences in more aggravated form. Experiences do not come haphazard or as punishments. They come according to law, and they carry lessons of wisdom with them.

One should not refrain from giving to others materially as well as spiritually, when necessity demands. One should not withhold expression of love and sympathy. Quite the contrary. Nor are material means or agencies to be deprecated. But Self-control is an essential if one would act to the best advantage of others.

One does not help others always when he gives advice or interferes in their affairs. There are so many ways whereby one may be of detriment to others, and so few whereby he may inure to their benefit.

There is but one way in which one may feel assured that he is helping others. When one lives the life most conducive to Self-development—lives his own life and minds his own business—he radiates health and harmony. He can never be certain of the result of material methods, but a life of love can but uplift and elevate whatever it comes in contact with.

It is not a simple or easy matter to refrain from trying to live others' lives. It is far more easy to scatter one's material possessions, to dissipate one's energies or to give vent to one's emotions, than it is to maintain Self-control and poise and exercise moderation.

The problems of the Self and of others constitute, essentially, one problem. The constructive life, the life of love, the life of expression, the life that represents harmony and radiates happiness, is the life most beneficial to the Self, and therefore most helpful to others. One helps others as he helps the Self, and thus assists others to help themselves.

One helps others not through depriving them of the experiences that belong to them rightly, but by assisting them to meet successfully the experiences they attract. It matters little what obstacles one meets provided he has the strength to overcome them readily. Then, the greater the difficulties the more intense the pleasure and satisfaction of meeting and overcoming them.

One helps others through assisting them to a clearer understanding of their inherent powers, and consequently to greater strength; thus enabling them better to guide, direct and control their lives. Assistance is rendered to the best advantage when one manifests the strength and power, the health and the happiness, that he would promote in others. For the Self-developed, Self-controlled and Self-poised life is the life that is of the greatest benefit to all.

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He who seeks for a power for power's sake ever gets it: the Spirit only pours its gifts on those who are meek and humble and who care only to love and serve God and the All, in simple love and compassion.

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Every need and blessing of man is quickly provided, without effort, without strenuous strife and without fear or apprehension when we come to God and say, O Father, Thy Will be done, not mine—Thy Will be done!

Men fail and are weak, negative and worried because they continually seek power and not God: strenuous seeking always fails.

Man may not expect any of the great Psychic or Occult Powers until he has found God, until he lives a pure, sweet and simple life with God and the Angels.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

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Such is the Silent Mystic Way Jesus was willing to be known for a divine purpose and make the great sacrifice for humanity.

Our blessed Master had the clairvoyant power and all other psychic powers in perfection because He and the Father were one, and He left teachings showing all men how they, too, could be blessed and not suffer to the degree He suffered. Our Master came to save us from suffering if we would but live the simple holy life.

All of us suffer, more or less; but it is left to the great Masters and lovers of humanity to suffer the most intense suffering and to live in simplicity without any mean or selfish motives.

And so, beloved, we say to you, as Jesus our Master said: "Take no thought," but love and serve God and His Angels will care for thee with great blessings, as you cannot care for yourself, and will add all powers unto you.

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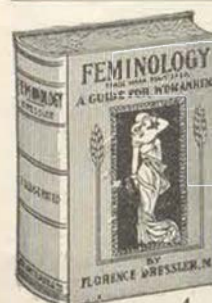
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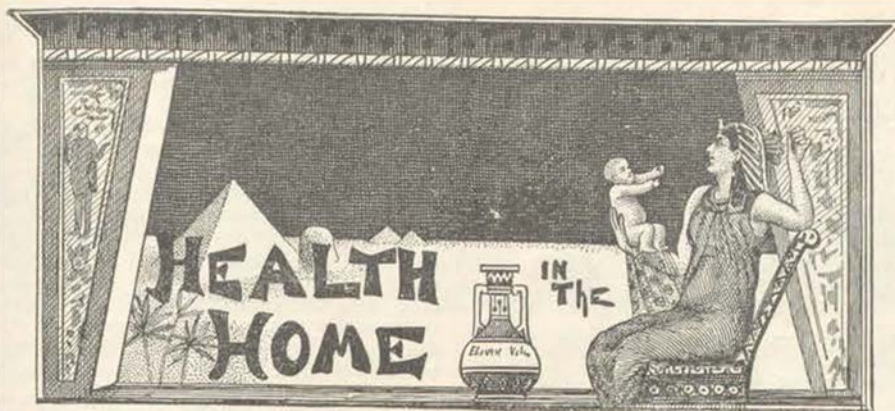


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Peace, harmony and melody in the home are the real sunshine of a home and are what make for health and happiness.

In this connection permit us to quote a few golden words from Mary A. Price, a well-qualified authority on the subject of health and happiness in the home. She says:

"Home is what we make it; each one yields his or her nature to give color to its adornment. We love the beautiful in home natures, we see fathers and mothers marring or making homes; each gives his or her individuality to influence the child in the home. Each working together produces harmony in the environment and atmosphere, and it is felt by all. Mothers alone would have a burden beyond the possibility of bearing if all of home was left for them to make; sons and daughters should work for mother's life's happiness. Each inmate should work for the happiness of the other; this means true happiness for self. Husbands and fathers should be mindful of the happiness of wife and children; they have taken the wife from a home to establish another home, and their responsibility for comfort is a matter of serious consideration. Father and mother must stand very near to each other to make the home comfortable and attractive; hand in hand, sharing the joys and trials together, they move down the River of Life. Their example of congeniality will influence the children to manifest kindness one to the other, and thoughtful attention and love to parents. Nature's law of individuality may be perfectly expressed in the home life, and will bring peace, joy, comfort and brightness to each and all. The conditions in the home will go forth into the lives of the individuals as they are associated with the experience of the world, and will be woven into all conditions of life."

If possible each home should have a Silence Room dedicated and consecrated to God and the Angels. This room should be very clean, very plainly furnished, with no attempt at ornamentation; if you can afford it have an organ in this room on which someone may play joyful sacred music; there may be a few pictures and mottoes of a holy and sacred nature, such as a motto, "God Is Here," pictures of the Master, and holy men and women; there should be a Bible and one or two more holy books on a plain centre table. Never use the Silence Room for anything else but prayer and silent meditation. It is best to go to this blessed Silence Room alone, although on occasions all members of the family may assemble there for family prayers. Such a Silence Room is of far more importance in a home than a parlor or drawing-room.

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Thousands of homes all over the world are being blessed and made abodes of health instead of disease, just because some one member in it is a loyal, earnest member of The Mystic Success Club.

There can never be much health in that home which is filled with vibrations of discontent, wrangling, pessimism, fear, doubt, murmuring and complaining.

The home of health is where the ever-living Christ dwelleth and the members love one another; where there are only thought vibrations of love, purity and unselfishness; where as much attention is given to spiritual and metaphysical healing as there is to the art of the physician.

Understand, in no way do we advise any sick person to not call in a physician; the great God works in and through both physicians and metaphysicians, and a sane, well-balanced mind never has one word to say against either.

We know "regular" physicians who have more of the Christ Spirit in them than some metaphysicians or alleged spiritual or divine healers; in healing it is not so much what a healer is tagged or labeled; it is how much love, spirit, understanding, knowledge and wisdom is in him; how much of soul, heart and mind he has and how much these are equalized, tranquilized, harmonized and spiritualized; how much simple plain common sense he has.

Come, beloved, let us all strive to have common sense, simplicity, love, peace, harmony and melody in our homes, because this means health and all else that is blessed.

When we speak of prayers in the home we do not refer to old-fashioned, gloomy, whining, pining, whimpering prayers; we mean prayers of joy and gratitude. And in sacred music, we mean glad, joyous songs of life, and not mournful dirges.

Anything that causes gloom and moroseness and sadness is not of the Spirit; is not spiritual; is not religious; and if we could believe in a devil or hell, we would say any religion that makes one sad and gloomy was from both the devil and the uttermost depths of hell.

Oh, no, beloved! The great God comforts and heals, and soothes, and lifts us up out of dark and negative states of mind into the positive, healthful, joyous and peaceful state—the Blessed State.

Let eternal and Universal Love dwell in your home, and God and the Angels will dwell there, and you will have a perfect religion in your home, and in a while perfect health.

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By Frank Harrison

Where there are sterling faith and uncompromising purity there is health, there is success, there is power. In such a one disease, failure and disaster can find no lodgment, for there is nothing on which they can feed.—JAMES ALLEN.

COME, beloved, let us all try to have a better understanding and a larger knowledge of the Eternal Law which governs the inner world of being.

It is in such understanding and knowledge of the Supreme Good that we will come into perfect peace, power, health, wealth and happiness—provided, we live the Law.

It is one thing to believe, know and understand; it is another thing to live what we believe, know and understand.

No one may expect to demonstrate peace, health, wealth and happiness by mere belief; we must obey and live the Law before we may expect grand results.

And that is the cause of our troubles and failures—we believe, but do not live the life—the Christ-life.

Not one of the blessed teachings of Jesus but what is perfect and is the simplest and best teaching man can find anywhere; but they amount to little if merely believed and not lived.

Indeed, many believe and do not live our Master's teachings and get only failure, and in a while turn their minds against the simplest and best plan of life ever given to man.

Did our blessed Elder Brother of pure love and compassion ever teach anything but goodness, pure thought, noble aspiration, unselfish love, freedom from error and vanity? Did He not always show us the sure, simple and perfect way to come into consciousness of our oneness with our blessed loving Father?

No man can ever demonstrate that our Lord's Way was not simply perfect; no scholar or thinker who has not lived the simple Christ-life is qualified to speak about it; only those who in pure, fervent love have really lived the life, and know and obey the Law through love for God and the All, can speak with authority.

It is only the simple, pure, childlike God-lover who lives continually in the pure and sweet ether of Love and with the Christ within and without who knows about peace, joy, harmony and melody of life, and of health, power and real success. Moreover, he is the only one who can speak with truth and authority.

"To dwell continually in good thoughts is to throw around one's self a psychic atmosphere of sweetness and power which leaves its impress upon all who come in contact with it."

Live any one of the teachings of Jesus and you will become so joyous and blessed that you will want to live them all, and this is the only way when we can have that sterling love and faith and uncompromising purity which makes for all peace, power, health and success here, now or anywhere.

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There is no disturbing condition of mind, body or event but what can be quickly cured by the eternal living Christ within our own souls; by obeying and living the Law as it was given by the Christ in Jesus, and is written down in His teachings.

Live the Christ-life and you will put away all your envy, greed, vanity, jealousies, suspicions, fears, doubts, worries, hatreds, selfish indulgences, and you will also put away forever your aches, pains, diseases, dyspepsia, biliousness, nervousness and insanities and have life, health, vigor, power, orderly force, sanity, prosperity and success, fully and richly.

It is the lie of lies to say a man cannot be successful if he lives the righteous life; it is the truth of truths that he cannot be successful unless he does live righteously; I am speaking of all-round success, not mere success in money or fame or some self-seeking scheme.

Men break down and fail because they believe in righteousness and Truth and do not live righteously and in the Truth, and then the shallow-minded say, "Ah! I told you so."

O suffering brother, hast thou really given thine mind, will, heart and soul to God? Art thou really living as Jesus taught us to live? Oh, I beseech thee, do not say it is a failure until you have really lived the life. It is not the part of a sane or balanced mind to declare a teaching is not true until he has actually lived it, and found it a failure.

The state of gloom, sorrow, grief and disaster has been brought into the lives of professing Christians because that is all they were—mere professing Christians. Show me a living Christian and I will show you a blessed, cheerful, willing, forceful, happy soul, free from disease, worry, fret and all negative

conditions; I will show you a true child of God with the silent, calm, positive power of a million billion professing Christians. And such was Jesus—He was the living Christ; is the living Christ.

Strive, O beloved reader, to live more and believe less; to love God and man more and be more God-like, more Christ-like. Read the Master's teachings and actually live any one of them one day, one month, and you will never rest until you live in and with the Law all the time. You may slip now and then. What of that? Push on! Once the real Spirit of Life is tasted you will never rest satisfied until you are an actual living, working, doing, achieving, God-loving man or woman—a real Christian man or woman.

Christians are not necessarily Churchmen; they love all men, all religions, all sects, all churches; but the Churchy brother is not necessarily a Christian. Churchianity and Christianity are as far apart as the poles. The mere believer in, and the professor of religion or God, is not the fervent lover and fervent living worker with God and the Angels.

So, beloved children of God, you are all His children, and where there are love and obedience and living the Law there are real faith and power and purity, and with real faith and power and uncompromising purity there are health, success, peace, joy, harmony and melody.

And living the Christ life, beloved, is the only way to avert disease, failure and disaster.

"All ways are waiting for my feet to tread,  
The light and dark, the living and the dead,  
The broad and narrow way, the high and low,  
The good and bad, and with quick step or slow,  
I now may enter any way I will,  
And find, by walking, which is good, which ill."

O beloved, you can do all things when you love, pray, listen, obey and live with God and the Son and the Angels.

## BUTTERCUP

In that unseen realm, known to certain of the earth people as Spirit land, dwelt Buttercup, young in years, but wise with the philosophy of childhood. Buttercup was untutored in the laws of the universe, she did not know why she was invisible to the earth people, and if anyone had told her that she possessed a molecular organism whose vibratory energy was too rapid for the human retina to grasp she would have thought he was making fun of her. Buttercup thought it great fun to flit about unseen, unheard and unknown, as only a spirit can. And yet, it was a little sad, at times, that she might not speak with those on the other side—except, occasionally, through the medium—for she loved them, the earth people of whom she had once been one.

Sometimes she hovered near the bedside of a dying child—waiting to welcome the tiny emigrant, all dazed by death's transition, into her own bright world. And she wondered why men and women sobbed so loudly over a thing of clay; why they placed it in a wonderful box, all covered with flowers and buried it in the ground to rot. It seemed very foolish, but they had done this with her and she supposed it was right. She longed, often, to tell the stricken ones that their child was not dead, but lived and was happy and close at hand. At times she would tell the medium—who was the only one of the earth-people that understood her—about these things, and give her messages from baby lips to fathers and mothers, some who believed and were comforted, while some were bitter and disbelieved.

Through the medium, also, Buttercup did other deeds of kindness for the earth people; she became the possessor of a toy bank, shaped like a pig, into which certain ones dropped pennies. At Christmas time the bank was always full; and then it was emptied ingeniously by inserting a knife-blade, and the contents expended to purchase presents for the poor.

Every Yuletide the medium and her friends would trim a tiny tree for Buttercup, and when it was lighted, there was much merriment and Buttercup delivered a Christmas oration—all of which she enjoyed immensely.

Among the places Buttercup loved most to visit was an attic room, where a young man wrote many things which he sent to magazines, and which most of them would not buy. She knew that the young man was very poor, because he had few pennies—not even so many as her bank would hold—and because he cooked his meals on an oil stove and his clothes were worn threadbare.

Upon the wall in the attic room hung a girl's picture. Sometimes the young man would lay his pen

aside and look at the picture for a long time in silence; sometimes he buried his face in his hands and when he raised it again his eyes were very bright—as though dew sparkled in them—but not from happiness.

Buttercup wondered much about the girl. She sought for her vainly among the spirits and concluded that she must be of the earth people—but why, then, should the youth be sad? It came to her that perhaps they had quarreled—and this troubled her. In the spirit land there were only peace and good will, such as Christ, the great teacher, had shown the earth people nearly two thousand years ago. But Buttercup knew that much of the misery upon earth was caused by quarrels. Sometimes they ruined lives—especially if the quarrels are between men and women—when some little things would have set all right between them.

So Buttercup sought for the girl, and one day she found her in a fine house, with many servants. She was not sure at first, because it all seemed so grand, compared to the attic room—but once as she watched the girl Buttercup saw her take from a tiny box in which were letters tied with ribbon a picture of the young man—and kiss it. So Buttercup felt sure they loved each other and had quarreled.

Buttercup pondered for a time as to what had best be done. Then she sought the medium and guided her hand to write:

"Buteful Lady"—Buttercup could not spell very well—"What for are yu mad at the man in the upstairs rume, ware yur pikeher is on the wall? He is a nice man and all the time he luku at the pikeher like he wants tu cry, and he hasent any mony, cause the paipers why they wont by wat he rites and he cooks on a oil stov, and I wish yu wood mary him imejutly, plesse, so he wont be sory eny mor. Ime a little girl and Ide mary him miself, onle Ime not old enuf and he likes yu better ennyhow yures trooly Buttercup."

Buttercup saw that it was sealed and addressed and put in the letter box. Then she went to the fine house and waited, because she knew that the man with the gray suit and a leather bag would bring it there.

When the "Buteful Lady" read it her face grew red and then white and she burst into tears. But she put on her hat and furs and ordered the carriage.

When they reached the attic room—the girl and Buttercup—the young man was holding a letter in his hand and looking at the picture with a queer sad light in his eyes. It was Christmas Eve and the bells were chiming in a church tower near at hand.

The girl watched him for a moment through the open door; he was so absorbed that he had not heard her, then she called him softly, and he gave a great start.

"Helen!" he cried, wonderingly. She came over to him and called him "sweetheart" and put her arms about his neck.

Buttercup thought it was time to go then, but she stopped to look at the letter which had dropped from the young man's hand. It was addressed to the girl and said that he was tired of it all—and something about the river.

Buttercup hurried away to the medium and found that they were just lighting the tree.

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### THE GREAT COMPANIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

A FACT of the utmost importance concerning human life is that individuals exist by one another and for one another. Society is not an artificial grouping of otherwise unrelated factors. The human being could never have developed into a "human" being had he not first been a social being. It is through the mutuality of his life's experience and endeavor that he has achieved progress.

It takes all men, and all sorts of men, to make a man. The same common clay is moulded into each of us. The same universal elements are somewhat variously commingled. Caesar and Cudge, Jesus and Judas grew out of the same stock. There is even more than a spiritual equality among the most diverse people—there is spiritual identity.

The wholesome life is established in the unity of man and in the unity of nature. It leaves no place for separation. The wholesome is that which includes all. The individual can attain the perfect life not by disassociating himself from the mass, but by coming into wholesome relation with the mass. No man can do justice to himself until he stands helpfully, naturally and in freedom toward all men. Neither can he do justice to another or to society save as he has maintained a healthy self-regard.

To thoroughly live means the lifting of one's life beyond the limitation of self-consciousness into the realm of world-consciousness. It means the placing before us of no standard of excellence to which all the world is not eligible.

To thoroughly live is to have no private scheme or plot, no desire of expectation of gaining for ourselves a height inaccessible to others. If we are living the wholesome life we will recognize every act of self-regard as a social service, and every social service that we do as an enrichment of our own being.

Someone has said, and it is my thought over again: "The most complete and perfect form of selfishness is the most complete and perfect form of altruism." Human individualities are distinct centres of consciousness in the one life, just as there are different nerve centres in the one physical organism. We are individuals, not as opposed to one another, but as inclusive of one another. There is no possibility of gaining any real advantage for one's self, save as our action is conducive to the good of all. And if we attempt wisely and generously to give ourselves in loving service to others we are actually bettering our own condition.

Humanity is one man. There is something of all men in each of us. All seeming antagonisms of interest exist only because of our misconceptions as to what constitute our true interests. In the long run what serves one serves all; yes, and in the long run what degrades one degrades all.

As we come to understand that life is an infinite and eternal unity we see that quite independently of any man's disposition or choice he always acts in living relation with the whole. By necessity, whatever he does serves the purposes of the world, even when he is most wilful and blind in his action. As the theologians would say: "And God shall make the wrath of man to praise Him." So all human conduct, whether it be the deed of a saint or of a scamp, enters into the world's life helpfully. The noble action is a positive factor, the false action is a negative factor. The one helps directly, the other helps by contrast and indirectly.

There is nothing utterly wasted or lost—nothing that is not in time turned into good results. The one man, by his heroic life, gives the world an inspiring example; the other, in the very act of folly or ignorance, gives the world a warning example. It all counts in the rounding out and fulfilling of human experience.

In the great companionship of the world there are no non-communicants. No one is of no account. The weed has undiscovered virtues, and is a weed only because we have failed as yet to rightly interpret its meaning.

There are splendid qualities in the wild apple. Even as it is, at certain seasons of the year and under certain conditions, Thoreau tells us, it is preferable to any of its more distinguished rivals. So often we find excellent traits of character, elements of strength and wild virtues in the savage and in the criminal; and there is no hopeless specimen.

The unity of life, the solidarity of the world, is not man-made, nor does it wait for our recognition of it in order that it may become operative. It is a living principle that holds humanity together in spite of the perversity and stupidity of folks.

Even the frightful devastations of war have been more than made good in ways undreamed of by the combatants. And no social or economic system, however seemingly merciless in its operation, has been wholly mistaken. The severities and enormities that are a necessary outcome of the present system of private profit are not to be looked upon as altogether fruitless. They are an incident of social development; they are the groaning and travailing precedent to the birth of a new order.

Society moves forward toward a condition which will satisfy the reasonable and righteous demands of all its members. The ideal is not to be attained outwardly and by force, but through the gradual bringing of the people into a consciousness of their true relation to one another.

It is a fact that the outer life is but a reflection of the inner spirit; and the prevailing social and economic conditions, the laws and customs of a people, are at any time a true measure and test of man's average development. The improvement of the outward condition follows upon, and is a result of, the raising of the standards of life in the public mind. Whenever the people are sufficiently definite and agreed as to what is most desirable in social life that desire is certain to be realized.

It is equally a fact that every improvement in outward conditions reacts upon the inner life of a people. The heart of man responds gladly to the touch of beauty, and the whole life is invigorated by kindly, helpful and humane associations.

First, the outward conditions are determined by the spirit of man, and being steadily improved to meet his inward requirements they react to stimulate all that is best in his nature. So that we have a balancing of man and his environment—a swinging of the pendulum between the inner and the outer life, the centre of equilibrium being established neither in the caprice of man nor in the weight of circumstances, but in the blessed sovereignty of natural law.

The psychic life of nature, like the physical life, is always a readjustment, the balancing of extremes. Nothing can endure save as its existence is according to the requirements of justice. The universe is a perfect harmony—a balancing of part with part—no single atom being neglected, no simple process discredited. It is a system of exact compensation. No life in nature is made subordinate more than another. The sun is impartial. The earth receives all with equal welcome. Mutuality is stamped upon the face of life.

And so human society tends toward this final adjustment; the works of man are to be conformed to the works of nature, and only so can they be successful in the best sense. The wholesome life will be found to be the common life. There will be in human relations the same balancing of part with part, the same impartiality, the same mutual aid, that are everywhere seen in the outward world.

Good, better, best, are terms which can be used only to express relative conceptions; but there is an absolute principle of goodness that that which is best for one is best for all. And toward the full realization of that principle the life of the world surely tends.

The last word of social science is but an echo of the cry of every human heart, and that cry is for fellowship. The mutuality which is stamped upon the face of nature everywhere is the deepest and most irresistible impulse of the human soul. Nothing can satisfy the growing life of man that does not contribute to the common good. And this is as it must be, or the integrity of natural law would be violated and the universe proven a lie.

Every act of injustice is, in the last analysis, an

act of insanity. Every cruelty, every hateful impulse, every wilful deception, every threat of violence, every lustful desire, every mere self-indulgence at the cost of another's happiness, is all the same as if an idiot were to beat his head in rage against a wall. We do not know any better or we would not continue one moment a life of mutual antagonism.

Let me impress upon your mind the fact that human society is not an experiment; it is not dependent upon any chance event or turn of events; it is not a matter of man's preference, as if we had power to thwart the universe or to add anything to its completeness. The true life of man is as much subject to natural law and is as perfectly an outworking of the universal life as is the growth of a blade of grass or the swing of a planet.

There is no peradventure or perhaps as to what the common life of the world is growing toward, or into what condition it will ultimately arrive. The future society is already established in nature, its main lines of development are everywhere indicated, and its final realization is inevitable.

The clearing up of human consciousness will mean the fulfilment of justice in public affairs. The human heart beats to the tune of universal well-being. Every healthy manly instinct, every noble passion, every true desire is a prophecy of the day when the sun in all its course shall pour its warmth and light into open, loving hearts, and peace and good will shall encircle the globe.

Justice is certain to follow human intelligence, the reign of love is certain to result from the increase and building up of the wholesome life.

This is life's beautiful meaning—that it shall grow the most superb individuals, not for their own sake, but for each other's sake; not to stand apart in solitary grandeur, but that out of the sharing of each other's lives there shall grow without limit a perfect companionship. "The base of all metaphysics," as Whitman says, that which underlies all systems, all philosophies and all religions—"is the dear love of man for his comrade, the attraction of friend to friend."

It is provided for by an eternal necessity that you and I and all men everywhere should be lovers. Indifference toward one another is lack of life; hatred toward one another is a hindrance of life; but love, love is the triumph of life.

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Hundreds of people have visited the girl at her home in the southeastern part of the city, and have been wrought to a state of excitement by messages from the dead and revelations of the future.

The girl falls into one to three trances a day, during which time, she says, she is in heaven, where angels flock about her and reveal to her the past and the future. Miss Kidder has startled persons by describing things that happened fifty years ago. She tells of departed persons who were unknown to her, and brings messages to the living. Her descriptions of heaven and the inhabitants of the celestial region are graphic. She foretells the details of her own death and that of her father and mother. In an interview recently she said: "I can't tell just what the sensation is like; I can't tell when the trance is coming. It just strikes me suddenly. I lose control of my body and seem to be carried up—up to an almost unimaginable height.

"The air seems soft and fans my face. I fly through the clouds and then suddenly I know I am in heaven. About me stretches a great city, but there are no houses nor streets. Beautiful white-robed angels are singing and talking and sailing through the air. I am flashed through two immense white pearly gates, and then the whole beauty of the place is before me.

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"No words can describe what heaven really is. I try to cry out my joy, but find I can move neither hand nor foot. One of the spirits told me that when I died I would be free to move just as they do. I cannot understand how the angels pass through the air. They have no wings, nor do they walk. They just seem to be taken through the air in any direction they wish to go."

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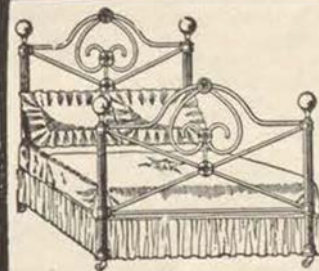
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THE ultimate end and object of religion and all its various institutions and organizations is the development of manhood. It is the individuals who make up the community and who determine the character of the race, nation or church. Of course, to improve the individual we must look to the whole; the two are indeed inseparable; but it is easier and simpler to understand that to improve the whole we must look to the individual.

We have often to speak of regenerating a country or making a nation; but for this the first requisite is to see whether the individuals who constitute the nation are improving or not. Terms like national life, national intelligence, national conscience are of the nature of abstract ideas. If they exist anywhere they exist with reference to the individual. A nation is deeply moral when the individuals constituting it have a high sense of moral responsibility. Before a high standard of intellectual culture can be made current in a community there must be seen a strong love of knowledge in many individuals. The national standard of culture, of course, in its turn largely influences the individual. But in all practical work we must begin with the individual. It is the individual, again, who brings strength or glory to a community. It is because a few able men were born in a country or community that its level of life has been raised by a long stretch. It was because Gladstone, Bright and Fawcett lived and worked that the political life in England has become what it is. It was because Kesub Chunder Sen, Kristodas Pal, Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar lived and worked that Bengal society was so deeply moved and stirred a few decades ago. It is not contended that the individual men were all; that there were not other forces at work; but given the other forces as they were, but for these gifted individuals the state of things might have been different.

It being so, the strength of a cause, be it religious, social, political or anything else, must depend to a large extent upon the sort of men to whom it has been intrusted. A most just and righteous cause may in the hands of unworthy men degenerate and be worthy only of contempt and indifference of people. It is the quality of men who lead it, the amount of devotion, sacrifice, earnestness which they bring to its work that will largely determine its place, position, usefulness and power. This is at times glaringly seen in the contemporary history of nations and community. In England, where there are many religious denominations, and various organizations of different nature, it is wonderful to see how they fluctuate in strength from generation to generation as men of powerful personality are available or wanting in them. In one decade the Methodists are very powerful because they have among them a few gifted preachers, skilful organizers, some men of wonderful devotion and noble self-sacrifice. In the next decade the power passes to another denomination because men of superior ability are to be found in it.

Abstract excellence of a cause is not enough to draw the admiration and allegiance of ordinary people. Men, as a rule, are moved by the towering excellence of their fellow-men. Wherever they see intellectual grandeur, moral sublimity, spiritual depth, fragrance of a noble life, they unconsciously bend in reverence and are elevated by it. It is the look of reverence that lifts men up. So long as the human soul does not find anything higher to look up to, no quickening of life is possible, there is not yet any motive for progress, the lever that will raise it up is wanting.

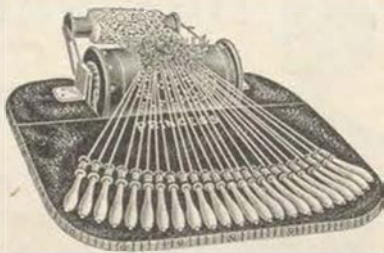
If we are to raise this nation, if we want to generate a power for the uplifting of our fellow-men we must have among us men worthy of such a mission. If we want to make the nation great we must produce great men among us—men of broad vision, lion hearts, men of moral earnestness and spiritual sublimity. We must have men among us who will embody in their own persons a higher type of manhood. The standard of culture is to be raised; for that it is necessary that we shall produce men who are intoxicated with love of culture, apostles of culture who have consecrated themselves to the pursuit of knowledge. Knowledge cannot be spread, culture cannot be diffused by men who themselves have not known the beauty of it, who themselves are slaves of sordid gain. Moral earnestness will not be quickened by lovers of ease and worshippers of Mammon. Religion will not be

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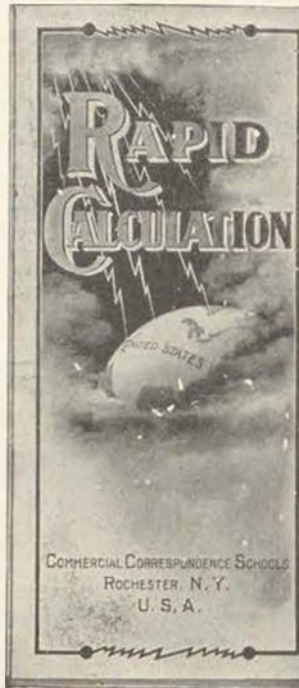


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All aims of a high character bring into being their own ways and means. Every noble purpose holds its own right of way.

The Divine aid will minister to all who pray for it. The holding of a narrow creed cramps the soul. Why cannot our creed be as wide as the universe in which we live?

The connection between electricity and psychic force is a subject of singular interest, and the tendency of facts already known goes to prove that they are connected. Each force in nature is the servant of the next above it. Mechanics, chemistry, electricity are the outer gates to the vital forces intrusted to a higher range of spiritual existence.

Let us feel ourselves going toward the sun when it rises, and leaving it when it sets. One error in our conception opens the way to the entertainment of others.

For the duties of life we need a general training, a harmonious development of all our faculties, and we need a special training for the particular duties we engage ourselves to do. The State might supply the means of the general training, but the means of the particular training will be better supplied by those who need it.

There is a oneness of purpose latent in all, that is, a desire to be better and happier; but in how many ways this purpose is sought to be fulfilled. The possession of money is one of the chief ways in which it is sought, but how mistaken is this idea! How much money is spent which brings grief only! We must live and have the means of providing the necessities. What would be the business way of going about it? Learn to live wisely, and it will free you from much that is now needless expenditure. Be freer to live as you want to, instead of being driven as a slave by foolish custom. To be free we must live for some other purpose than to save money. Work for the good we can do; that will bring more happiness than money can.

Success, true success, comes not by cunning, but by wisdom, by good in us. True success brings good to ourselves and others. Success is not to get rich through the poverty of others. To get rich by extortion is no success. Such are never truly rich, they cannot use what they have. Many of the richest are really the poorest. The richest are those who can help most. Whom does greed help?

What is it to be wiser? It is to have knowledge and to be able to use it aright; to know, in a way, which enables us to do.

In the darkness of the night we wait and weary for the coming of the light. We think of the great course of light as making its way toward us, when it is we making our way toward it. We, day by day, leave the light behind and meet it again in the morning. So with ignorance and knowledge. We regard God as the mover, when the moving is on our part. And as we go to the light with an irresistible power, so ignorance is left behind with a growth that we cannot resist. Every day is a pattern of our life.—Philo.

When we look around and learn what is doing in other countries in the way of improvement we have reason to rejoice at the prospect of progress opened up. In Japan, in China, in India, in Persia and Syria, in Russia and other nations of Europe, new thoughts are being entertained, and through them better actions are being done.—Philo.

Like attracts like, and repels its opposite. A pure man attracts pure things to his aura and repels all impure elements. So a pure man is filled with health, vigor and life. A universal lover attracts all spirits, in or out of the body, who can help him, desire to help him, and he repels all influences which would in any way retard his progress. Every ego possesses a psychic atmosphere which attracts and repels; a dark or impure aura attracts dark and discordant elements and repels those that make for peace, strength, harmony and melody.

"The man that hath no music in himself,  
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,  
The motions of his spirit are dull as night,  
And his affections dark as Erebus;  
Let no such man be trusted."

—Merchant of Venice.

Let your extraordinary prophetic instincts be trained to foresee only the good, and your acquaintance with Divine Spirit make you a power against evil. Say often: "Nothing can hinder the spirit of goodness from reigning supreme."

It is your business to know. You are negative as long as you do not know. Knowledge is omnipresent and it is for all, and it is your business to know. As long as you do not know or strive to know you are in the dark.



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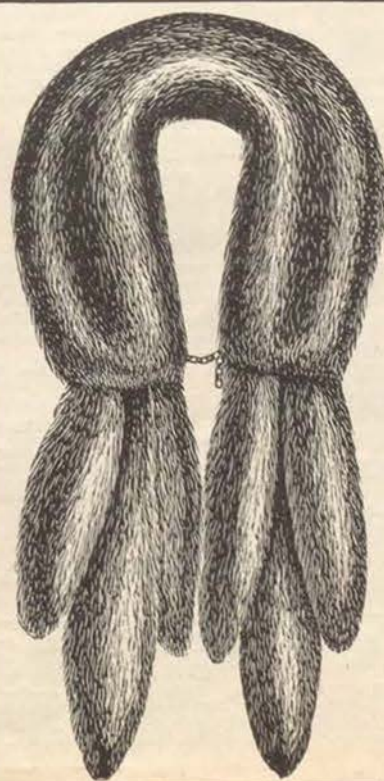


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Flesh eating makes one nervous and abnormally restless; it cannot produce a calm, mild and serene disposition. The very fact that man is willing to have his fellow-animals slaughtered that he may please his appetite certainly does not seem right and just, does it?

"Physiologists studying, reasoning upon the nature of drinks and foods, know that these, digested and assimilated, make the blood, that the blood makes up the body, and that the body affects the manifestations of the mind. Bears fed on fruits and cereals become mild in disposition."

All flesh-eating beings, man or animals, are very restless and nervous, and subject to mental and physical breakdowns. Much insanity and nervous prostration can be traced directly to an abnormal appetite for flesh-meat.

That vigorous journal, *Good Health*, gives us the following:

"I know a dog twenty years old that is a strict vegetarian. He eats only two meals a day. A friend of mine was also personally acquainted with that dog. He belonged to Senator Palmer.

"Hunters feed their dogs on cornmeal and oatmeal, and that kind of foods. I asked a dog trainer, who kept a large number of dogs, why he fed them on cornmeal and oatmeal. He answered, 'Because it gives them sound mind. If a dog eats meat he has no mind.' Some years ago I had a fine dog that I sent to a dog school to acquire an education. I sent a line to the president of the school, saying that my dog was a vegetarian, and I did not want him to have any meat; that he was to take a term of lessons and learn what a dog ought to know. I got a note in return saying that I need not be afraid that the dog would have meat, for he never gave his dogs meat. Upon inquiring why, I was told that if he fed his dogs on meat he could not teach them anything. Some time ago a dog trainer brought twenty-five dogs to me, and I asked him what he fed them on. He said cornmeal, oatmeal and bread. Said I, 'Don't you give them any meat?' 'Never!' 'Why?' I further inquired, 'Because it makes them savage and cross.' Now, is it not strange that the men who rear dogs, which are carnivorous animals, find out that meat is bad for them; while human beings, who ought certainly to keep themselves in the highest intellectual and spiritual condition, in the clearest-headed and best physical condition, seemed determined not to realize that meat-animal food makes them cross and stupid; that they are not so well in any way when they use it? Men know this for their dogs, but they have not yet learned it for themselves. And yet they ought to have learned it, because both statistics and experience prove it."

A little thought, reasoning, observation and common sense ought to prove that flesh eating makes the man or animal indulging in it dull and stupid at times and restless and nervous at other times. Flesh eaters when awake are so stimulated that they whirl about, as it were, more or less intoxicated.

Meat eaters know nothing of the joy, peace and health that come by refining and etherealizing the body and brain by a clean, sweet, pure diet of nuts, fruits, cereals and vegetables. The non-flesh-eating man craves not for tobacco, tea, coffee or alcoholic stimulants.

It is wise to state here that soul growth is retarded as long as we sow to the flesh; that the best way to give up our animal appetites and grow into the angelic state is by soul culture. As long as a man is living wholly on the material or animal plane he will crave what the lower animals crave, and must suffer disease and physical pains to a more or less degree.

There is a way to have perfect health; to have a cool, clear, sane and normal mind; to be absolutely free from worry, care and nervousness; to live in a perfect body for a tremendous period of years, and perform great service and great works; and when through here, to peacefully, calmly and happily pass on to a brighter, more active and more progressive sphere of action—and that is the Spiritual Way. Normal man is not carnivorous. He is angelic.

We would have inward peace,  
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## The Basic Principles of Therapeutic Sarcognomy

By C. S. Gisdale

[Written especially for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.]

SINCE giving you the article in THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES for January, on psychometry, I have received requests for information concerning the art and science of sarcognomy. Therapeutic sarcognomy is a system of mental and magnetic healing that has come as the results of long and careful scientific researches into the constitution of man, conducted by Dr. J. R. Buchanan, the discoverer of psychometry. We could not give a complete lesson on this sublime and exalted method of healing in the space we might occupy with this article. By long and careful study and experiments upon the human brain and body—as well as in the science of chemistry and biology—this grandly illuminated scholar discovered for science the truth that revelation gave to the world over 22,000 years ago. Sarcognomy is based therefore, on a divine law found in the threefold constitution of man—as Soul, Brain and Body—that the soul controls the body through the brain and nervous system, while the body reacts upon the soul through nerves and brain. All the powers and functions of the soul are manifested in and through the brain, each of our special soul-powers being manifested through a special region of the brain, wherein its function is located. Each organ thus seated in the brain has its corresponding polarity in some special function of the body. In this experiment on the brain Buchanan has shown that each function of the psychic powers within the brain has a corresponding external region on the surface of the cranium, through which it may be reached and either excited or calmed by the touch of a magnetic hand. And so, also, the same with the functions of the body. Sarcognomy teaches that perfect health can only be had when the soul, having been freed from sin and vice, and brought into At-one-ment with the Infinite Source of Life, has full control of brain and body. With the mass of mankind the soul is in more or less of a dormant and inactive condition, and, as a result, the physical forces of the body react upon the soul and overcome it. And where the soul is not master of the members of the body it results that the members of the body fail to carry out their duties in harmony and discordant vibrations arise within the domain of the inorganic chemicals composing the tissues, and disease is the result. Through its knowledge of the powers and functions of brain and body, sarcognomy instructs the magnetic healer how to restore harmony in the tissues and among the members of the body. And thus the needs of the physical man are supplied. But the soul must be aroused and brought into a consciousness of itself and made master of the brain and body, and all those means of exhorting men's souls that have virtue are made use of. Sarcognomy has been tried and proven to be a true and glorious method of helping the soul of man to gain the ascendancy. Sunlight, air, exercise, food, electricity, and the elements of tissue foods, or materials, together with human magnetism, are all resorted to by the successful sarcognomist to aid in restoring harmony to the body. But all serve the same purpose and in the same manner, but from different points of action. Looking into the constitution of man by our psychometric powers, we learn that man's soul must either be a positive, expressive, active expression of the divine life, or else it must be a mere negative, passive, inactive shadow, tossed by every storm that beats upon the waves of the great ocean of being; blown hither and thither by all the wild winds of adversity, while the body, becoming filled with disease and discord, casts a reflection of a diseased ideal upon the soul life, which gives the negative soul the suggestion of disease until the disease of the body casts its shadow over the soul, overpowers and imprisons it in the ideal that there is no way of escape, and thus are we made to let ourselves be deceived. We state that there is no one method of healing that can positively and permanently cure and heal the diseases of the flesh, that overlooks and ignores the need of arousing the soul to its own divine possibilities. Man was placed on the earth by the Father and given the command to control the body, but through sin and violation of the laws of our triune constitution the human race has become spiritually dead unto the Father. That is, human souls, the noble mysteries of the ages excepted, have been in an inactive condition. Jesus, the Christ, and holy mystic adept of Nazareth, knew and recognized this fact when He taught that "ye must be born again," meaning a rebirth or awakening of the soul to a conscious relation to God, the Father. The perfect man is a perfect expression of the Divine Life incarnate within the soul, and as such is one with the Father. Jesus said, "I and My Father are one," well knowing that because He was conscious of His soul life and had put all the desires, appetites, passions and things of the flesh under His feet, had mastered His body and, therefore, overcome sin, sickness and poverty. He was thus born into the new life and resurrected from the dead (unawakened)

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The cloud fleets,  
The heart beats,  
Nothing will die,  
Nothing will die;  
All things will change  
Thro' eternity.

'Tis the world's winter;  
Autumn and summer  
Are gone long ago;  
Earth is dry to the centre,  
But spring, a newcomer,  
A spring rich and strange,  
Shall make the winds blow  
Round and round,  
Thro' and thro',  
Here and there,  
Till the air  
And the ground  
Shall be filled with life anew.

The world was never made;  
It will change, but it will not fade.  
So let the wind range;  
For even and morn  
Ever will be  
Thro' eternity.  
Nothing was born;  
Nothing will die;  
All things will change.

—Tennyson.

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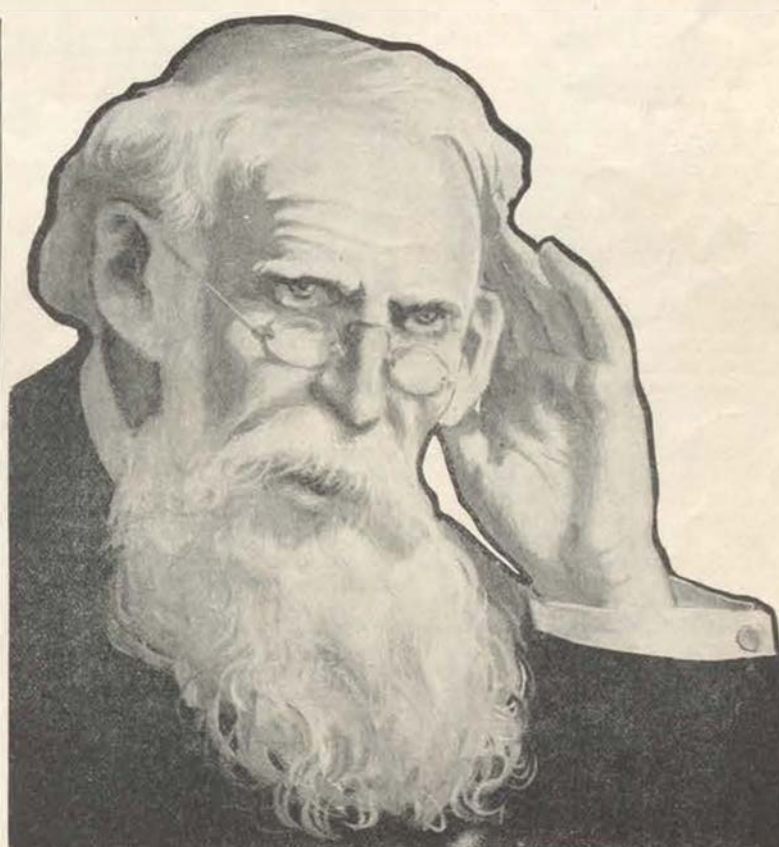
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## Love Thyself Last

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To those who walk beside thee down life's road;  
Make glad their days by little acts of beauty,  
And help them bear the burden of earth's load.

Love thyself last. Look far and find the stranger  
Who staggers 'neath his sin and his despair;  
Go lend a hand, and lead him out of danger  
To heights where he may see the world is fair.

Love thyself last. The vastnesses above thee  
Are filled with spirit forces strong and pure.  
And fervently these faithful friends shall love thee.  
Keep thou thy watch o'er others and endure.

Love thyself last, and, oh, such joy shall thrill thee  
As never yet to selfish souls was given.  
Whate'er thy lot a perfect peace will fill thee,  
And earth shall seem the anteroom of heaven.

Love thyself last, and thou shalt grow in spirit  
To see, to hear, to know and understand  
The message of the stars. Lo, thou shalt hear it,  
And all God's joys shall be at thy command.  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

## Ripe Old Age

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It is a waste of vital force and weakening to all to spend our time in feeling sorry for one another: let us silently love and do for one another and be cheerful and joyous with one another, and above all stop meddling with the life and affairs of another unless we can be of practical service. Love and real service are never in maudlin sentiment; nor are they in dreams of the air; they are in doing, in living, in acting. Dogmatic and sentimental people retard the progress of the world; sane, practical and sensible people are tremendous helps to the Whole.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

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## To the Lord of Love

SING a song of faith and hope,  
A heart brimful of joy;  
Four and twenty hours  
Of peace without alloy.  
When the day is opened  
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#### Oyster Omelet.

Beat six eggs very light and mix with a half a cup of cream, with salt and pepper to taste. If the cream be lacking, may be substituted. Put a small amount of butter in a hot frying pan and when it is melted pour in the egg and cream. In five minutes turn out on a plate. A delicate omelet when the omelet is a delicate omelet and easy. The frying pan should be at a moderate fire so that the cooking process will not be too long.

#### Mushroom Fritters.

Prepare a quart of egg batter. Beat the eggs with the fire with adding a little bit of butter with a dash of salt in the center in the frying pan and fry. When done, take out and drain on paper and serve.

#### Game Pie.

For this game is suitable, from one to six. Make first a fritter from enough batter, rich enough to make a good fritter, with a dash of salt and a little butter. Cover and cook until done, or, if preferred, with a dash of salt and a little butter. Cook until done, or, if preferred, with a dash of salt and a little butter. Cook until done, or, if preferred, with a dash of salt and a little butter.

#### Celery Salad.

Wash the celery in cold water and cut into small pieces. Put in a bowl and add a little oil and a little vinegar. Mix well and serve.

#### Thanksgiving Cake.

For two and a half pounds of cake, mix three tablespoons of butter, cream two eggs and add a little salt. Mix well and bake in a loaf pan for one hour.

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